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OF THE

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HELD IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,

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A. D. 1854.

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" T. W. Winchester,
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Thomas Allibone,
Peter Appleman,*
John L. Arthurs,*
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Franklin Bacon,
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Peter Baldy,
Benjamin F. Bannan,
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Wm. Kirkham,
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Wm. Trainer,*
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John Turner,*
John K. Vallance,*
John Vance,*
Joseph Vandergrift,*
Henry M. Watts,
H. J. Walters,*
Tobias Wagner,
Wm. Waterhouse,
Samuel Wagner,
Wm. Webb,
H. J. Webb,
Arthur Wells,
Wm. Wills,
Allen W. Wills,*
David Wilmot,*
Peter Williamson,
A. P. Wilson,
F. M. Williams,*
W. H. Wilson,
Francis Wharton,
G. M. Wharton,
Benjamin Whittington,
Samuel A. Whitaker,*
Wm. H. Woodward,
Charles B. Wright,
Wm. Welsh,
Rees Welsh,
C. P. Wurtz,*
John K. Wucherer,
Ellis Yarnall,
Samuel Yocom.

Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS APPOINTING

DELEGATES TO THIS CONVENTION.

Alleghany County.—Trinity church, city of Pittsburgh, A. W. Loomis, Hopewell Hepburn, A. Kirke Lewis.

St. Andrew's church, city of Pittsburgh. H. L. Bollman, Joseph H. Hill.

St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh. John C. Arthurs, William L. Algcs.

St. James' church, Pittsburgh. Matthew Hodkinson, Walter P. Marshall, Felix R. Brunot.

Grace church, Mt. Washington. George Lowen, Thomas J. Bigham, A. Kirke Lewis.

Armstrong County.—Trinity church, Freeport. William F. Logan.

Berks County.—St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin. Daniel Pyle, Lafayette Brower, Samuel Yocom.

Christ church, Reading. Dr. William Gries, Isaac Eckart, Jos. L. Stichter.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown.—Levi B. Smith, David Planks, David Morgan.

Bradford County.—Christ church, Towanda. David Wilmot, John C. Adams, Benjamin S. Russell.

Bucks County.—St. James the Greater church, Bristol. James Johnson, J. D. Mendenhall, H. King.

St. Luke's church, Newtown. P. Frederick Jenks, M. D., John Cresson.

Grace church, Hulmeville. William Elmslie, Samuel Swift, Edward G. Harrison.

Trinity church, Centreville. William Stavely, Albert G. Paxon.

St. Paul's church, Doylestown. Charles H. Mann, J. P. Brolaskey, E. Mitchell Cornell.

Carbon County.—St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk. Asa Packer, William H. Sayre, J. Irwin Blakslee.

St. Philip's church, Summit Hill. Asa L. Foster, James Broderick, William Sharpe.

Chester County.—St. Peter's Church, Great Valley. John Tucker, Cadwallader Evans.

St. John's church, New London township. Joseph Hodgson, Benjamin F. McDonald, John C. McDonald.

St. Mary's church, Warwick township. Samuel Shafer, Thos. K. Bull, Jesse Evans.

St. John's church, Pequea. Thomas G. Henderson, A. S. Henderson, James Hopkins.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township. Jonathan Jones, S. A. Ogier, M. D., Thomas R. Trimble.

St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook. Caleb P. Talbot, Rees Welsh.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. Lewis Brinton, M. B. Broomhall, George W. Pearce.

St. Peter's church, Phœnixville. Major McVeagh, Dendy Sharwood, Samuel A. Whittaker.

St. James' church, Dowingtown. William H. Wilson, W. W. Downing, Allan W. Wills.

St. James' church, West Marlboro'. Thomas M. Charlton, John Bilson, Jr., Huston Nicholas.

Columbia County.—St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg. Peter Appleman, John Vance.

Crawford County.—Christ church, Meadville. John Dick, Gaylord Church, David Dick.

Dauphin County.—St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg. Wm. P. Beatty, Benjamin Parke, William Buehler.

Delaware County.—St. Paul's church, Chester. John Larkins, Jr., Morgan Johnson, Lewis Thatcher.

St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook. William Trainer, B. F. Johnson, John Gray.

St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor. H. Jones Brooke, Thomas Humphrey, John Mather.

St. John's church, Concord township. Hill Brinton, Henry W. Brinton, Joseph Gest.

Calvary church, Rockdale. Richard S. Smith, John Fields, Robert Elliott.

Erie County.—St. Paul's church, Erie. Charles B. Wright, William P. Johnston, William C. Kelso.

Fayette County.—Trinity church, Connelsville. William A. Hill.

Huntingdon County.—St. John's church, Huntingdon. A. P. Wilson.

Lancaster County.—St. James' church, Lancaster. Alex. L. Hayes, Newton Lightner, James G. Thackara.

Christ church, Leacock. Richard J. Rutter, Peter E. Lightner, Joseph Slack.

All Saints' church, Paradise. Joseph B. Baker, David Conyngham, Jacob Eshleman.

St. Paul's church, Columbia. Stephen F. Eagle, D. J. Bruner.

St. John's church, Marietta. Stephen F. Eagle.

Luzerne County.—St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre. Henry Colt, John K. Vallance, William S. Ross.

Trinity church, Carbondale. Charles P. Wurts, H. S. Pierce, J. M. Poor.

St. Luke's church, Scranton. B. H. Thorpe, George Swift.

Lycoming County.—St. James' church, Muncy. William W. Cooke, John Hack, James Henderson.

Mifflin County.—St. Mark's church, Lewistown. H. J. Walters, Dr. C. W. Hales, James Smithers.

Montgomery County.—St. James' church, Perkiomen township. William Casselberry, Edward Evans.

St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh township. Dr. James A. McCrea, Charles Burk.

St. John's church, Norristown. Griffith Jones, William Wills, Henry J. Eddy.

Christ Church, Pottstown. R. E. Hobart, Joseph Potts, J. P. Rutter.

The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion. Owen Jones, George T. Curwen, Isaac Hazelhurst.

Montour County.—Christ church, Danville. Daniel Hahn, Peter Baldy, John Turner.

Philadelphia City and County.—Christ church, Philadelphia. William M. Meredith, James C. Booth, Henry M. Watts.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. Joseph R. Ingersoll, James S. Smith, Lawrence Lewis.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John D. George, Richard G. Stotesbury, Samuel N. Davies.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. George M. Wharton, Joseph Cabot, Ellis Yarnall.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. C. Stevenson, T. Robins, J. Bohlen.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Tobias Wagner, William Kirkham, Edward Shippen.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Herman Cope, John W. Claghorn, Francis Hoskins.

Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashhurst, F. W. Porter, Thomas H. Powers.

Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. Samuel Lewis, M. D., F. W. Hemsley, M. Russell Thayer.

St. Luke's church, Philadelphia. William Welsh, James M. Aertsen, George L. Harrison.

Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. John C. Cresson, William C. Houston, Thomas C. Hand.

St. Mark's church, Philadelphia. Thomas D. Mutter, M. D., S. W. Cannell, Clayton T. Platt.

Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia. Edward Carpenter, Richard Clements, M. D, William H. Woodward.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties. R. M. Moore, James M. Patton, William Letford.

Advent church, Northern Liberties. Abel Reed, Frederick R. Backus, Anthony Miskey.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville. John Lambert, James S. McCalla, George M. Stroud.

St. Philip's church, Spring Garden. Harry Conrad, William P. Cresson, William Webb.

Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden. Thomas Thompson, Charles E. Lex, J. J. Huckel.

Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden. J. R. C. Smith, William Waterhouse, E. T. Hyatt.

St. Jude's church, Spring Garden. Edward W. Mumford, Edward W. Payne, Jacob L. Smith.

Emmanuel church, Kensington. J. P. Donaldson, James H. McBride, Isaac Shepherd.

Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond. Edward C. Graeff, Matthew McPaul, John Moffitt.

Zion church, South Penn township. John H. Bringhurst, Benjamin Whittington, William Fulton.

Trinity church, Southwark. Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, William H. Klapp, M. D.

Church of the Evangelists, Southwark. Giles Boulton, William A. Dubosque, Isaac Sansom.

Gloria Dei church, Southwark. John McKay, Dr. J. W. Jones, Alexander McLeester.

All Saints' church, Moyamensing. James Moore, John C. Montgomery, Arthur Wells.

St. Luke's church, Germantown. John S. Littell, Cornelius S. Smith, James R. Lambdin.

Christ church, Germantown. P. E. Hamm, Charles L. Scott, E. W. Lehman.

St. David's church, Manayunk. Samuel Wagner, H. R. B. Ogle, Orlando Crease.

St. James the Less church, North Penn township. Robert Ralston, George Blight, J. Parker Doane.

Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun. John F. Lamb.

Trinity church, Oxford township. Edmund Green.

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township. Joseph Vandegrift, Henry Dewees, Charles R. King, M. D.

Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg. S. H. Barrett, J. K. Wucherer, B. Crispin.

St. Mark's church, Frankford. John W. Kester, John Lardner, Francis Wharton.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia. Thomas Allibone, Franklin Bacon, N. B. Browne.

St. James' church, Kingsessing. Aubrey H. Smith, Robert K. Smith, M. D., Samuel Thomas, M. D.

St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia. George R. Blakiston, Charles Blakiston.

Trinity church, Maylandville. J. S. Riley, Jr., J. Francis Knorr, Enoch Gray.

Schuylkill County.—Trinity church, Pottsville. Edward Owen Parry, Andrew Russell, Benjamin F. Bannan.

St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven. Charles M. Hill, S. D. Patterson, S. H. Shannon.

Zion church, Tuscarora. Henry F. Haas.

Susquehanna County.—St. Mark's church, New Milford. J. Moss.

St. Paul's church, Montrose. H. J. Webb, Truman Stone, F. M. Williams.

Wayne County.—Grace church, Honesdale. Z. H. Russell, J. C. Gunn, Elias Stanton.

St. John's church, Salem. Charles Burr, M. D., Albert Nicholson.

Zion church, Sterling township. George Simons.

Westmoreland County.—Christ church, Greensburg. David K. Marchand, Joseph H. Kuhns, Aaron Steward.

York County.—St. John's church, York. Robert J. Fisher, John G. Campbell, Samuel Herman.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Tuesday, May 16th, A. D., 1854, 5 o'clock, P. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and lay deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, the Convention proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, prepared by the Bishop, was called over by the Secretary, when the following answered to their names, and took their seats, viz:

Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., L.L. D.,
Rev. Thomas G. Allen.
" L. P. W. Balch, D. D.
" Henry H. Bean,
" Archibald Beatty,
" Henry Brown,
" Edward Y. Buchanan,
" Levi Bull, D. D.
" De Witt Clinton Byllesby,
" John A. Childs,
" Samuel A. Clark,
" Jehu C. Clay, D. D.
" Samuel Clements,
" John Coleman, D. D.
Rev. Charles Cooper,
" Nathaniel E. Cornwall,
" Robert Davis,
" Jacob M. Douglass,
" Benjamin J. Douglass,
" George C. Drake,
" Richard B. Duane,
" Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.
" George A. Durborow,
" Samuel Durborow,
" George G. Field,
" B. Franklin,
" John G. Furey,
" Kingston Goddard,

Rev. Richard D. Hall,
" Anson B. Hard,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.
" William J. Hilton,
" Marmaduke Hirst,
" M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D. D.
" William S. Huckel,
" Edward C. Jones,
" George Kirke,
" Milton C. Lightner,
" John Long,
" A. Augustus Marple,
" John Gordon Maxwell,
" Edward Mendenhall,
" John J. McElhenny,
" Alexander McLeod,
" Edward Meyer,
" G. D. Miles,
" Daniel S. Miller,
" George Mintzer,
" Wm. White Montgomery,
" B. Wistar Morris,
" Jacob P. Morss,
" Henry J. Morton, D. D.
" Sylvester Nash,
" G. W. Natt,
" Richard Newton, D. D.
" William H. Odenheimer,

Rev. Frederick Ogilby,
" Wm. H. Paddock,
" George Lewis Platt,
" Samuel Randall,
" Joshua M. Rodgers,
" Joel Rudderow,
" Peter Russell,
" Gardner M. Skinner,
" J. Brinton Smith,
" Joseph H. Smith,
" Richard Smith,
" Henry S. Spackman,
" Nathan Stem,
" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.
" Joseph A. Stone,
" William Suddards,
" C. West Thomson,
" Henry Tullidge,
" Richard S. Trapier,
" Peter Van Pelt,
" John A. Vaughan, D. D.
" George H. Walsh,
" Daniel Washburn,
" W. E. Webb,
" H. Hastings Weld,
" F. S. Wiley,
" J. P. B. Wilmer,
" Thomas C. Yarnall.

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointment in the form prescribed by Canon, and their names being recorded and called, they answered and took their seats, viz:

James M. Acrtsen,
Thomas Allibone,
Wm. L. Algeo,
John E. Arthurs,
Lewis R. Ashhurst,
Franklin Bacon,
Frederick R. Backus,
Peter Baldy,

J. B. Baker,
Benj. F. Bannan,
John Bilson, Jr.,
LaFayette Brower,
John Bohlen,
M. B. Broomhall,
John H. Bringhurst,
Geo. R. Blakiston,

J. P. Brolaskey,
C. Blakiston,
N. B. Browne,
G. Irwin Blakslee,
Thomas K. Bull,
Giles Boulton,
Joseph Cabot,
Edward Carpenter,

Thomas M. Charlton,
G. Church,
Henry Colt,
John W. Claghorn,
Richard Clements, M. D.
Herman Cope,
John C. Cresson,
W. P. Cresson,
W. W. Cooke,
Harry Conrad,
Pierce Crosby,
David Conyngham,
Orlando Crease,
Samuel N. Davies,
David Dick,
J. P. Doane,
Jacob P. Donaldson,
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Stephen F. Eagle,
Robert J. Fisher,
William Fulton,
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Thomas C. Hand,
E. G. Harrison,
Joseph H. Hill,
David Holmes,
Francis Hoskins,
F. W. Helmsley,
P. E. Hamm,
S. Herman,
William C. Houston,
Morgan Johnson,
James Johnson,
Jonathan Jones,

William C. Kelso,
John W. Kester,
William H. Klapp, M. D.
William Kirkham,
James R. Lambdin,
John F. Lamb,
Charles E. Lex,
Lawrence Lewis,
William Letford,
Samuel Lewis, M. D.,
John S. Littell,
Newton Lightner,
William M. Meredith,
Charles H. Mann,
J. D. Mendenhall,
Anthony Miskey,
John C. Montgomery,
David Morgan,
Edward W. Mumford,
James S. McCalla,
Matthew McPaul,
Major McVeah,
Huston Nichols,
Edward Owen Parry,
A. S. Paxton,
Edwin W. Payne,
David Plank,
S. D. Patterson,
George W. Pearce,
Thomas H. Powers,
R. Ralston,
Abel Reed,
Thomas Robins,
William Ridings,
Z. H. Russell,
William Sharpe,
Isaac Shepherd,
Samuel G. Shoemaker,

J. L. Stichter,
Truman Stone,
Cornelius S. Smith,
C. L. Scott,
Elias Stanton,
Aubrey H. Smith,
Evans Sheeler,
George M. Stroud,
James S. Smith,
Jacob L. Smith,
Levi B. Smith,
J. R. C. Smith,
George Swift,
William Stavely,
Cornelius Stevenson,
M. Russell Thayer,
Thomas R. Trimble,
James G. Thackara,
Samuel Thomas,
Thomas Thompson,
H. J. Walters,
Henry M. Watts,
Frederick Watts,
Tobias Wagner,
Henry J. Webb,
William Webb,
William Welsh,
William Waterhouse,
Arthur Wells,
William Wills,
Peter Williamson,
Andrew P. Wilson,
Francis Wharton,
George M. Wharton,
Benj. Whittington,
William H. Woodward,
Ellis Yarnall,
Samuel Yocum.

The Convention then proceeded to choose a Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D., was nominated for the office of Secretary; there being no other nomina-

tion, the balloting was dispensed with, and he was thereupon duly elected *viva voce*.

Francis Wharton, a lay deputy from St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia, was then nominated for the office of Assistant Secretary; and there being no other nomination, he was, in like manner, duly elected Assistant Secretary.

Whereupon the Bishop announced that the Rev. Dr. Stevens had been duly elected Secretary of the Convention, and Francis Wharton Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary then read the Rules of Order from the Revised Regulations, as follows:

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the Bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before anything new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the president leave the chair.

13. These Revised Regulations and Rules of Order shall not, at any time, be suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; nor shall any of them be rescinded except upon one day's notice of an intention to move for their abolishment.

On motion of the Secretary, it was *Resolved*, that the House shall hold two Sessions every day, viz: from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M., to 7 o'clock, P. M., provided that it shall not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock.

It was also *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to this Diocese, and not entitled to seats in the Convention; and Clergymen not belonging to this Diocese; and Clergymen of the Church of England or of her colonies; and Students of Divinity

of the Episcopal Church, now in this city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The following Committees were then, on motion, appointed—the members being named by the Bishop, viz :

Committee on Charters.—Rev. Dr. Clay, Rev. Messrs. Goddard and Lightner, and Messrs. Meredith, Hayes and Fisher.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Messrs. Rodney, Bean and Mintzer.

Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats.—Rev. Messrs. Suddards, Wilmer and Thomson.

Committee on Claims of Lay Deputies to Seats.—Messrs. Church, Watts and Dumont.

The Convention then adjourned.

St. Andrew's Church,
Wednesday, May 17th, 10 A. M.

The Convention assembled and attended Divine Service. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. J. J. McIlhenny, assisted by the Rev. Milton C. Lightner, who read the Lessons. The Litany was read by the Rev. George Mintzer, and the Ante-Communion by the Bishop; after which the Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Brinton Smith, from Mark xvi. 15. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Mintzer and Lightner.

The Convention was called to order after Service.—The roll was then called, and the minutes of yesterday P. M. read and approved.

The following Clergymen, entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats, viz :

Rev. J. J. Elsegood,
" N. Sayre Harris,
" Edmund Leaf,
" T. B. Lyman,
" J. K. Murphy,
" R. O. Page,
" Azariah Prior,
" Jno. Rodney,
Rev. Wm. White,
" T. W. Winchester,
" F. W. Beasley,
" Jas. Bonnar,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.
" Thomas Crumpton,
" Thomas J. Davis.

And the following Lay Deputies:

William Buehler,
Lewis Brinton,
Charles Burr,
Charles Burk,
D. J. Bruner,
S. W. Cannell,
John Cresson,
Wm. A. Dubosque,
Isaac Eckart,
Wm. Elmslie,
Cadwallader Evans,
Edmund Green,
J. Henderson,
R. E. Hobart,
Jos. Hodgson,
F. Hoskins,
W. C. Huston,
E. F. Hyatt,
A. S. Henderson,
C. K. King,
J. Larkin, Jr.,
George Lowen,
Alex. McLeester,
A. Nicholson,
H. K. B. Ogle,
B. Parke,
F. W. Porter,
B. S. Russell,
J. P. Rutter,
Edward Shippen,
George Simons,
R. K. Smith,
C. P. Talbot,
John Tucker,
Samuel Wagner.

In conformity with the resolution of invitation adopted yesterday, the following Clergymen appeared and were admitted to the sessions of the Convention:

Rev. C. F. McRae,
" Jas. A. Woodward,
" B. S. Huntington,
" E. Lounsberry,
" Wm. H. Cooper,
" C. M. Dupuy,
" Daniel Kendig,
" John Williamson,
" William Douglass,
" Asa S. Colton,
" Wm. H. Brooks,
" Edmund Roberts,
Rev. Aaron Christman,
" Samuel Starr,
" D. Huntington,
" H. W. Woods,
" C. C. Townsend,
" A. G. Mercer,
" S. C. Brinckle,
" S. C. Stratton,
" D. A. Tyng,
" Erastus DeWolf,
" E. H. M. Baker.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:—

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Convention :

During the last year I have officiated at one hundred and thirty different places and on two hundred and fifteen different occasions. These services have been extended to all our parishes that are in actual operation except twenty-five. The rite of confirmation has been administered on one hundred occasions to *nine* hundred and sixty persons. Seven churches have been consecrated, five of which are at points where our services have been recently introduced. Four corner-stones have also been laid. Thirteen young men have been received as candidates for the ministry, seven candidates have been ordained to the Diaconate, and four Deacons have been advanced to the Priesthood.

I have also baptized eight children, solemnized seven marriages, and officiated at three funerals. On one hundred and seventy-five occasions of public worship I have preached; and I have administered the Holy Communion sixteen times.

Since we last met, death has made breaches in the ranks of our clergy and laity, which we shall long have occasion to deplore. The Rev. James H. Fowles, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in this city—a man of God, who, as an earnest, able and accomplished preacher of the Gospel, had few superiors, and, as a Christian pastor and friend, few equals—has recently been called away in the meridian of his usefulness after a protracted illness. The Rev. Freeman Lane, for many years a Presbyter of this Diocese, and at the time of his death the esteemed Rector of Christ Church, Huntingdon, Adams county, fell a victim to a malignant epidemic in August last. In this city and elsewhere the destroyer has been busy among laymen whose devotion to our Church and to the claims of philanthropy, and whose exemplary private lives will be long and fondly remembered. May their example stimulate others to go and do likewise. There has rarely been more need, in our Church, of pious, efficient and large-hearted laymen to carry forward plans of benificence which multiply rapidly around us, and on which we may expect the Divine blessing only as they are conceived in a spirit of humble dependence on God, and are aided by the counsels and earnest co-operation of the lay members of our communion.

The clerical force of the Diocese has also been reduced by the removal of eight of our brethren to other portions of the Church, and by the deposition from the ministry of one Presbyter who had avowed his intention to join the Church of Rome. Their places have been supplied by twelve clergymen who have been received from other Dioceses, and by six Deacons who have been ordained in this Diocese within the past year—two of them under the Canon (entitled "of Deacons" and numbered VII. of 1853,) which was passed at the last meeting of the General Convention.

The whole number of clergymen now resident canonically in the Diocese is one hundred and sixty-one—being an increase of six upon the number reported last year. Of these three are Missionaries on the Coast of Africa, two are permanently established in California, one has been employed for the last two years as a Missionary in Oregon, and one is destined for the same work in South America. Of the residue, eleven are entirely or partially disabled by physical disease or advanced years, four are occupied as Principals or Professors in Seminaries of learning, one is a chaplain in the Navy and two are without cures:—so that the whole number regularly engaged in parish work may be set down at one hundred and thirty-five.

Of these thirteen are also actively engaged in teaching the higher branches of learning; and it may serve to convey to us some conception of the influence—almost unobserved—which a few clergymen in this Diocese are exerting upon the education of the young, when I state that there are not less than five hundred children and youth of both sexes, who are pursuing, under their immediate auspices, the more advanced studies of an English and classical course. If to these we add those who are instructed by lay members in schools established in connection with our communion, and the much larger number who, in parochial schools, are imbibing the elements of sacred and secular knowledge, we shall perceive that the Church in this Diocese is not entirely idle in the work of Christian education. Add to this the fact that more than fifteen thousand children are enrolled as attending upon our Sunday Schools, and we shall find reason to bless God who has inclined the hearts of His ministers and people to give themselves so willingly and at such great expense of time and labor to the nurture of the young.

The *clergymen who have removed* are:

To Delaware, the Rev. George Sheets and the Rev. J. B. Clemson.

To New Jersey, the Rev. Samuel Cowell, the Rev. James L. Maxwell, the Rev. J. Henry Black and the Rev. William F. Bryant.

To Virginia, the Rev. D. J. Henderson, (Deacon).

To Connecticut, the Rev. O. E. Shannon.

The clergyman who has been *deposed* is the Rev. Dwight E. Lyman.

The *clergymen who have been received* are:

From Maryland, the Rev. A. Ten Brœck, the Rev. A. J. Berger, the Rev. William H. Clark and the Rev. Hanson T. Wilcoxson.

From Massachusetts, the Rev. Henry W. Woods.

From New Jersey, the Rev. E. P. Wright.

From New York, the Rev. R. H. Bourne, Rev. Edward Lounsbery and the Rev. Alex. G. Mercer.

From Ohio, the Rev. Dudley A. Tyng.

From the Bishop of Newfoundland, the Rev. William H. Cooper.

From the Bishop of Jamaica, (W. I.) through his commissary (Dr. Trew), the Rev. James L. Hildebrand.

The ORDINATIONS were as follows:

To the *Diaconate*, (August, 21st,) David J. Henderson.

January 6th, under the New Canon, John K. Helmuth.

January 22d, Henry A. Coit, John Williamson and (under the new canon) Daniel Kendig.

Mareh 12th, Edward L. Lyeett.

To the *Priesthood*—(May 22d,) the Rev. Morgan Dix and the Rev. William White Montgomery.

October 2d, the Rev. William Huekel.

January 6th, the Rev. D. J. Henderson.

The Rev. Anthony Ten Brœck, was instituted Rector of St. James the Less, near Schuylkill Falls, September 4th, 1853.

The CHURCHES CONSECRATED were:

June 19th, Calvary Church, Tamaqua.

September 25th, Trinity Chureh, Maylandville, Philadelphia.

November 13th, St. Luke's Chnreh, Scranton, Luzerne eo.

November 14th, Zion Chureh, Sterling township, Wayne co.

February 23rd, St. Luke's Church, Chartier's Creek, Alleghany co.

May 3rd, Christ Church, Greensburg, Westmoreland co.

May 5th, St. Paul's Church, Mt. Braddock, Fayette co.

Several of the Churehes in the Diocese have also been materially enlarged and improved. Among these are All Saints', the Church of the Nativity, St. Luke's, St. James', the Chureh of the Epiphany and the Church of the Redemption—all in this city.

The CORNER-STONES laid were:

June 20th, of St. Stephen's Chureh, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne co.

June 23rd, of Grace Chureh, Honesdale, Wayne co.

November 16th, of Grace Church, Great Bend, Susquehanna co.

May 13th, of Christ Church, Germantown, Philadelphia.

The following sums were contribnted by Churehes on Easter day to aid in the ereetion of Houses of Worship for feeble congregations and to assist in the support of a missionary among the Germans in this city:

Gloria Dei, Philadelphia,	$11 00
Emmanuel, Holmesburg,	17 66
St. Peter's, Philadelphia,	50 00
Christ, Reading,	20 00
Christ, Towanda,	8 00
St. James, Kingsessing,	19 73

St. Andrew's, West Philadelphia,	$ 4 00
St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk,	10 00
St. Phillip's, Summit,	10 00
St. Paul's, Montrose,	10 00
St. Stephen's, a member,	3 50
St. Matthew's, Sunbury,	2 50
St. Mark's, Northumberland,	4 05
St. Paul's, Chester,	10 00
Messiah, Port Richmond,	8 25
St. Paul's, Wellsboro',	10 00
St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh,	21 00
St. James', Muncy,	2 16
St. Paul's, Columbia,	6 63
Trinity, Pottsville,	21 25
Christ, Danville,	7 00
St. Mark's, Philadelphia,	121 00

In several instances the destination of these donations was indicated by the contributing parishes. The balance will be divided equally between the congregations named in the Pastoral Letter in which the contributions were requested.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Alleghany County.—St. James' church, Pittsburgh, 13; St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh, 10; St. Luke's, Chartier's Creek, 12; St. Peter's, Pittsburgh, 19; Trinity church, Pittsburgh, 19; Christ church, Alleghany city, 6; St. Paul's, Pittsburgh, 4.

Berks County.—St. Michael's, Birdsboro', 15; Christ church, Reading, 17.

Bradford County.—St. Matthew's, Pike, 5; Christ church, Towanda, 4; Trinity church, Athens, 1.

Bucks County.—St. Luke's, Newton, 5; Grace church, Hulmeville, 7; Trinity church, Centreville, 2; St. Paul's, Doylestown, 1.

Carbon County.—St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, 6; St. Philip's, Summit Hill, 4.

Chester County.—St. Peter's, Great Valley, 4; St. Peter's, Phœnixville, 10; St. James, Downingtown, 9; St. Paul's, West Whiteland, 1; Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, 8.

Columbia County.—St. James, Derry, 3; St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, 5.

Crawford County.—Christ church, Meadville, 14 (two being from the Rev. Mr. Lord's mission).

Dauphin County.—St. Stephen's, Harrisburg, 7.

Delaware County.—St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, 4.

Erie County.—St. Paul's, Erie, 14.

Fayette County.—Christ church, Brownsville, 2; St. Peter's, Uniontown, 5.

Lancaster County.—St. James, Lancaster, 1; St. Paul's, Columbia, 2.

Luzerne County.—St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, 5; Trinity church, Carbondale, 3; St. Luke's, Seranton, 2.

Lycoming County.—Christ church, Williamsport, 4.

Montgomery County.—Christ church, Pottstown, 3; Swedes' church, Upper Merion, 9; St. John's, Norristown, 4.

Montour County.—Christ church, Danville, 11.

Northumberland County.—St. Matthew's, Sunbury, 3; St. Mark's, Northumberland, 7.

Philadelphia County.—St. Mark's, Philadelphia, at three Confirmations, 61; Church of the Epiphany, 23; Church of the Atonement, 16; St. Philip's, Spring Garden, 28; Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, 20; St. Thomas', 10; Zion church, Kensington, 3; St. Luke's, Germantown, 7; Church of the Redeemer (Floating Chapel), 7; All Saints', Lower Dublin, 8; St. Mark's, Frankford (two Confirmations), 32; Emmanuel church, Holmesburg, 8; Church of the Mediator, 21; St. Andrew's, West Philadelphia, 11; St. Peter's, at three Confirmations, 39; All Saints', Moyamensing, 24; Church of the Ascension, 12; Church of the Advent, 16; Church of the Redemption, Fairmount, 17; St. James', Kingsessing, at two Confirmations, 16; Trinity church, Southwark, 9 (3 at St. Peter's); *Calvary church*, (Monumental), 19; Gloria Dei church, 7; St. John's, N. L., 13; St. Jude's, N. L., 1; St. Mary's, West Philadelphia, 8; Grace church, 19; St. Luke's, 25; St. Paul's, 26—(one being from the Floating Chapel); Church of the Nativity, 23; St. James', 14; St. David's, Manayunk, 20; St. Andrew's, 21; Church of our Saviour (Mission), 13; Emmanuel church, Kensington, 19.

Schuylkill County.—Zion church, Tuscarora, 2; Calvary church, Tamaqua, 4; Trinity church, Pottsville, 18; St. James', Schuylkill Haven, 4.

Susquehanna County.—St. Mark's, New Milford, 2.

Tioga County.—St. Paul's, Wellsboro', 10.

Wayne County.—Grace church, Honesdale, 11; St. John's, Salem.

York County.—St. John's, York, 3. Total, 960.

The instability of the pastoral relation is still apparent, not only in the removing of clergymen from one Diocese to another, but in the many changes which take place within the same Diocese. Twenty-five of our parishes have suffered the loss of their minister or assistant minister, since we last met. The evil becomes still more evident and alarming in proportion as we observe its aggregate effect after a series of years. It is

now less than nine years since I was first charged with the oversight of this Diocese, and during that time, if we except the parishes in Philadelphia county, there are but twelve in the whole Diocese out of more than one hundred which have not lost their pastor once, twice or thrice. That the changes in Philadelphia have been vastly less seems to prove that inadequacy of support is the main, though certainly not the only cause of these constant and deplorable vicissitudes. In such a condition of things it is only wonderful that our progress has not been entirely arrested. It argues much for the hold which our church has upon the good will of those without, as it is most creditable to the zeal of those within, that, during the same brief period, more than fifty churches have been erected, most of which are at points not occupied before. But, with such openings before us, what might we not achieve if we had a stable ministry, animated by the consciousness that they have the cordial support of a generous and considerate laity? How many new enterprizes would then be conceived and inaugurated, and once begun, how many of them would command early success under the guidance of the same minds and hands that originated them! Here is a consummation which we ought to keep steadily in view, and which we can reach in due time, if the clergy and laity set their hearts upon it. The former should take positions with the resolute purpose of giving them a full trial and of submitting, if need be, to a large measure of privation and self-denial. They must consider that in many a new parish the burden of their support falls almost entirely on a small number of persons of limited means, and they surely ought to be behind none in their economy and thrift, or in their willingness to make sacrifices for Christ and His Church. Where there is ability but not the will to support them properly, they should strive by affectionate zeal and devotion to their spiritual functions to warm their people into sympathy, or shame them into consideration; that, so they may be moved to watch over the temporal comfort of their minister with something of the same wakeful solicitude with which it is his pride to watch over the souls which are entrusted to him. And, on the other hand, ought not a congregation to receive him who is over them in the Lord as a *permanent* Pastor and Guide—not as a transient visitor who comes to be the object of their captious criticisms or the victim of their unrelenting parsimony? Ought they not to resolve from the beginning that it shall not be their fault if his heart is not moved and his hands encouraged to attempt great things for God, and for the people more immediately committed to his charge? Ought they not, by delicate and thoughtful consideration for his material wants and for those of his family, and by the recognition of his many trials and perplexities,—by such means ought they not to give him constant assurance that his every effort is observed and appreciated, and that their fond desire is that their interests and his shall be lastingly

identified? Thus assured that there is mutual affection and a common devotion to the great ends of the ministry, pastor and people will provoke one another more and more to love and good works. Not only within his own parish but far beyond its limits the clergyman will be glad to do good, as he has opportunity; and he will find a generous people ready to encourage and assist his every effort to minister in the word and sacraments as the Lord hath commanded and as this Church hath received the same.

The necessity of a larger provision for the support of the clergy—occasioned as well by the increased expense of living as by the inadequacy of that support in past times—is a subject which must press more and more upon the consideration of our people. The most momentous interests demand that it should receive prompt and thorough consideration. Having dwelt upon it in almost every preceding address, and intending, if my life is spared, to give it a more extended notice in another form, I shall dismiss it here with two remarks:—*first*, that it is a subject which concerns the friends of Diocesan Missions, even more than self-supporting congregations; and *secondly*, that it is a matter in which, on every account, the people ought to take the initiative. The clergy justly feel that they ought rather to suffer in silence than come before a reluctant people as importunate applicants, or, what is worse, as abject suppliants; and I should sooner counsel them to minister with their own hands to their necessities than to subject their office and their self-respect to such humiliation. I rejoice to know that, in many of our parishes, this subject has received anxious attention; and several instances have come to my knowledge within the past year, especially in this city, in which spontaneous movements have been made that were equally honorable to minister and people. May this spirit become universal!

In conjunction with the Secretary of the Convention and the President of the Standing Committee, I took measures, last autumn, to procure a course of Sunday evening Lectures on the Evidences of Religion to be delivered in the churches of Philadelphia during the winter months. Bishops and Presbyters were invited from different parts of the country to take part in it; and the Discourses, marked by great, and, in several instances, by pre-eminent ability, were directed more especially to relieve the difficulties of thoughtful young men whose minds, to an extent much to be deplored, are in danger of being infected with a specious but hollow scepticism which shelters itself under the abused names of Science and Philosophy. The result of this experiment has been, to exalt the estimation in which our clergy are held for learning and mental power, and to demonstrate how utterly disproportioned are the arrogant pretensions of speculative unbelief to its actual resources. In a published form these Lectures are likely to prove a permanent and valuable contri-

bution to a branch of Theological Literature which must be revised from time to time, if we would adapt our Apologies for Revealed Religion to the actual, and, in some instances, most urgent, wants of the minds with which we deal. For a Church to decline considering the plausible objections which, in an age of such prodigious intellectual activity as this, inevitably and continually spring up under the pretended auspices of Physical Science and Metaphysical Philosophy, is tacitly but virtually to confess her incompetence for no small part of her appointed work. No such Church can hope to exert a commanding influence over the culture of our age or land; and its hold even upon the active energies of the people runs the constant hazard of being weakened or destroyed by the suspicion of incapacity. A Church which ceases to teach, and one which does not strive to raise a portion of its teaching to a level with the very highest intelligence around it, is not following in the footsteps of the Apostolic College, nor in those of that early and, in human sense, defenceless church which went in three centuries from the humble spot where all the disciples were "with one accord in one place" to a more than regal sway over the heart of the world. We owe much to the Rev. Dr. Stevens for the enlightened suggestions and the vigilant and laborious supervision which he gave to this enterprise.

I have spoken, in the former part of this address, of the relation of the Church in this Diocese to schools. For what we are now doing in this important field I trust I am duly thankful; yet it bears but a small proportion to what with wisdom and patient enthusiasm we shall be able to accomplish. Has not the time arrived—at least, is it not at hand—when, within the bounds of each Convocation and each considerable section of the Diocese, there ought to be provision in one or more good Boarding Schools for the young of both sexes who are pursuing the higher branches of education, so that they can be trained under a proper Church influence? We need such schools for our own children, many of whom are sent, with a singular want of forcsight, where they will receive, either no religious instruction at all, or one utterly alien from our services, or, what is worse, where their allegiance to the simplicity of the Gospel and to the very first principles of the Reformation will be secretly and insidiously undermined. We need such schools, too, for many who are not of our fold, but who are more than willing that their children should be educated under the positive system of teaching, and the orderly Christian nurture, which characterize, and, I trust, are destined still more to characterize the working of our Church. Has not the time also arrived when our clergy should identify themselves more than ever with our public school system, exposed, as it is, on one side to perversion, and on the other to ruin, and yet presenting, as it does, the only available means for spreading a universal education over the land? They may co-operate

with it, in a manner so unobtrusive as to arouse no jealousy, and still so efficient as to leaven it gradually with much more of religious influence than it now possesses; while, at the same time, they help to rescue it from the hands of political and ecclesiastical agitators.*

I have imagined that a still further service would be rendered to the cause of Christian Education and to the advancement of our communion

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* Extract from Address to the Convention of 1847.

"I cannot dismiss the subject of scholastic education for our children, without expressing my hope, that an interest in the Institutions just mentioned will not lessen our solicitude for the support and improvement of the Common Schools of the State. Pennsylvania is now engaged in a noble effort to supply every child within her limits with the means of elementary instruction; and the success of that effort must be a cherished object with all who would see our civil institutions properly administered, or the claims of Christianity in general, and of our own Church in particular, properly appreciated. The friends of sober piety and of primitive Apostolic truth, have everything to hope and nothing to fear from the spread of intelligence among the people; and that is an end which can be secured, in the first instance, only by a general system of schools, aided by the bounty of the state, and subjected to one plan of snpervision. Where there are diversities of language and religious faith, and where large masses of population are unconnected with any religious body; experience has shown that education cannot become general without the intervention of a central authority, which can at once foster, concentrate and direct the awakening interest in schools. In this country, that authority must leave to the people in the respective districts the details of school government, insisting only on a certain standard of mental and moral qualification in the teachers, and a certain amount of time to be employed in communicating instruction. In such a country, too, *specific religious* instruction must be communicated to the pupils of *common* schools principally through the agency of parents, Sunday Schools and Pastors. As these schools are attended almost exclusively by day scholars it can be given to them chiefly at home, and in connection with their respective parishes; or it might, as in some countries of Europe, be imparted in school, at certain prescribed times, by the respective clergymen who have charge of the families to which children in attendance belong. No difficulty on this subject ought, I conceive, to endanger the paramount object of bringing the neglected children of indigence, of vice, and of sordid indifference under the benign influence of those who can teach them much, if not everything; and who in proportion as they open their understandings, and raise their tastes, will only prepare them the better for that religious culture which otherwise they might never have attained. It should be considered, too, that most of the children taught in our common schools, can never enjoy the advantages of such seminaries as we have in connection with our Church, and if educated at all must be educated near their own homes, and at rates made sufficiently low by the united contributions of the holders of property, who for all they contribute to schools, will receive abundant return in the diminution of taxes, and in the increased security of their persons and estates."

if a *Training College* were established, in which young men, willing to consecrate themselves to the service of their fellow-men, and filled with the right spirit, might be prepared for such spheres of usefulness as, on trial, they should be found best fitted for—be it that of Presbyters,—of Deacons, properly so called,—of Catechists and Bible Readers,—or even of School-masters. I could find places for a very large number of teachers in Pennsylvania, and, were they earnest and intelligent members of our Church, they could, as such, often prepare the way for the establishment of congregations; and where the Church is already planted they could act as most efficient auxiliaries to settled Pastors and to Missionaries. This suggestion needs to be developed with more fulness than is consistent with the limits of this address, and I therefore dismiss it for the present.

The proceedings of the General Convention, held in New York in October last, are likely to form an era in our ecclesiastical experience. Not the least noticeable feature in its deliberations was the spirit of frank and fraternal co-operation which seemed to prevail through all its sessions, and which was clouded by few of those signs of pre-concerted and organized action which sometimes augur much better for the triumph of parties than for the success of great principles. But, what must endear that Convention still more to the Catholic Christian and philanthropist is the broad sympathy with which it was disposed to regard every movement that seemed to promise increased efficiency to our Church in her grand work of saving souls. The request from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies that the Bishops would prepare, for use on Missionary and like occasions, a form of prayer for the increase of the Holy Ministry according to the command of Christ, "pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into His harvest"—the profound sense of past delinquencies which was expressed in respect to the proper support of the Clergy, and the inducing of pious and properly qualified young men to enter the ministry—and the earnest desire universally manifested that our Church should forthwith greatly enlarge her means of dealing with the ignorant and irreligious within her own borders, and spread her blessings much more bountifully over the heathen world—these were signs of spiritual life which were not to be mistaken, and which may well fill our hearts with gratitude and hope.

In addition to the establishment of the Episcopate at two points on the coast of the Pacific, three other measures were adopted which are likely to impress themselves permanently on the history of our American Church. The first of these is, a Resolution of the House of Bishops, referring to a commission of six of their number, a Memorial of sundry Presbyters, in respect to the present position and working capacity of the Church. That memorial earnestly requests the Bishops to consider

whether some means may not be devised to enlarge the operations of our communion, to adapt her better to the peculiar work of the Lord in this age and land, and to enable her to aid more effectually in restoring outward unity and the spirit of true brotherhood among those who name the name of Christ. No graver and more important question could possibly be presented to the Fathers of the Church, and none to which they ought to address themselves more calmly, more patiently, or more prayerfully. It will take time before we can even measurably grasp its magnitude. Still more time may be necessary before some good men will recognize either the expediency or the propriety of raising such inquiries; and long and laborious consideration will be necessary before any great and wise measure can be matured, or, being matured, can be commended to the confidence and good will of the Church at large. The Spirit that presided in the Councils of the blessed Apostles could alone have inclined the hearts of so large a portion of the Bishops to look kindly on this movement; and it ought to be our prayer that the same Spirit may be abundantly vouchsafed until a greater and more effectual door shall be opened for us to the hearts of men, and until, as a Church, we can in all meekness, and yet with all power, become the instrument of healing those grievous wounds which pride and error have inflicted on the visible body of our Lord.

The restoration of the Diaconate to a nearer conformity with the primitive model was another measure which this Convention attempted. I regard that attempt as a wise one. We much need a class of men who can assist in the out-door work of the Church, where robust sense, fervent piety, and knowledge of the world, are often more important than mere erudition, or even than the capacity to teach—in the highest sense of that word. In some cases these men will be found to possess eminent gifts, and will advance to the highest positions. In others they will remain permanently and contentedly in subordinate stations, and will there give, to Pastors of Churches and to Missionaries, aid which they have long needed, and the need of which is coming every day to be more keenly and generally felt. The legislation of October last on this subject was merely experimental, and may need material revision. It was founded in a deep conviction not only that we want more laborers, but that we want those of more diversified powers and attainments; and it was intended to charge Bishops and Standing Committees with a larger discretion, and a graver responsibility in respect to the first grade of the ministry. He, of course, greatly misapprehends the object, and, as I think, the tendency of this measure, who supposes that it was intended, or must contribute, to depreciate learning in the ministry, or to set aside a thorough elementary training for those who are to become useful and able ministers of the New Testament. The importance of erudition and of the most consummate

intellectual ability among the Clergy I should be among the first to insist on; but no one will contend that either of these can be made universal, or that, in all stations, either of them is indispensable or even necessary. Let the utmost be done to secure pastors for our congregations who are accomplished in all that can make men wise to win souls, but, let us not forget that to perform that which, according to our Ordinal, appertaineth to the office of a Deacon, requires only an inferior grade both of capacity and knowledge. It may not be improper, in leaving this topic, to express the hope that efforts to raise the standard of literary and theological attainments among the clergy will keep pace with every effort to bring our services nearer to the people; and that in all such efforts we shall remember, *first*, that a vigorous, well-disciplined and active mind is much more of a power than mere learning, however great; *secondly*, that extensive and profound learning is needed, however, in our Church in this country much beyond our present attainments,—that we are without the appliances of wealth and learned leisure which the theologians of our Mother Church of England have enjoyed; and hence, *thirdly*, that our clergy, after they receive orders, and are charged with the cure of souls, need, as students, a degree of self-culture, self-reliance, and co-operation among themselves, greater perhaps than was ever needed before in any Church since the primitive ages of Christianity.

There is another feature in the action of our last General Convention which may properly be regarded, as it seems to me, with less of complacency. I refer to the tendency to enlarge more and more the action of that Convention, to the exclusion of Diocesan and voluntary agencies. It was manifested, both in what was done and in what was only proposed. Among the Canons and joint Resolutions adopted, are two which contemplate vesting in the General Convention a control over the charities of the Church quite beyond any which has been proposed hitherto. In the infancy of our organization as a national Church, one of the first measures adopted was the division, between the Dioceses interested, of a Common Fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of clergymen which, in their feebleness, these Dioceses had held jointly. This measure has always commended itself to my judgment as a wise one. The action of the last Convention looks in the opposite direction. It provides for the establishment of two great Central Funds, to be dispensed by a small number of Trustees, holding their places at the pleasure of the General Convention. One of these is a Fund for Bishops in Missionary fields, in new and nascent Dioceses, and in regions where the Church is not yet organized. The other, instituted by a joint Resolution which intrusted it to the charge of seven Trustees of the Diocese of New York, is a Fund for aged and infirm clergymen, and for the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, throughout the whole Church. This policy, while

it seems to contemplate a reversal of that which prevailed in 1797, is a material advance upon the one which, in 1835, disbanded the General Missionary Society, and constituted the General Convention the Church's organ for the work of Missions. Few dispassionate persons will now contend that that experiment has resulted auspiciously either for the Church, or for Missions. It took the cause from the hands of those who loved it, and who were drawn to its service by the special interest they felt in its success, and transferred it to a body which meets but once in three years, which then assembles for a different purpose, and which does its proper work of legislation imperfectly because it deliberates in great haste, and with little previous preparation. It ignored one of the fundamental, and, in my opinion, one of the most valuable, features of the American Church—its voluntary element, whereby individuals can, by spontaneous association, originate movements which contemplate the establishment of churches and the promotion of various charities—those movements being subject of course to proper scrutiny from the authorities of the Church. The action now contemplated is obnoxious to the further objection that it proposes to centralize, at some one point, a vast fund, which, if divided between several local centres, might be dispensed with a much better knowledge of the wants and rightful claims of those interested. It invests a small number of individuals belonging to that grand centre with a power over the comfort of Bishops and Disabled Clergymen, and over the sensibilities of pastors who anticipate the day when their families may be bereft of their presence and support, which power is favorable neither to happiness nor to personal independence. Too often, moreover, eleemosynary foundations thus established at a distance, encourage in clergymen expectations of relief from abroad which insensibly weaken the ties that ought to subsist between them and their own parishes and Dioceses, while they relax that lofty spirit of self-reliance and trust in God, which are, after all, a clergyman's best resource. Where there are well established parishes they should not be tempted to imagine that a small contribution to a great national Fund can excuse them from the paramount duty of providing not only for their minister while he lives, or is capable of service, but also for those who are dependent upon him, and whose claim is only enhanced by his death or disability. The Church of the Epiphany in this city, in raising a fund of nearly $10,000 for the family of its late Rector, has manifested a spirit which, if properly diffused through our Church, would be worth to the clergy many times more than any fund which the General Convention can collect, though it be reckoned by millions. Indeed, just in proportion as such a fund gains a mammoth size, its application becomes a trust too delicate and too momentous to be held by popular deliberative bodies or by a few of their agents. Voluntary associations with corporate powers would ap-

pear on every account a safer depository for such trusts; and these associations ought to be multiplied, with the extension of the Church, till each Diocese or each cluster of adjoining Dioceses has its own provision for the purpose. The claims of missionaries and of pastors in new and feeble portions of the Church, can sometimes be met by institutions already established in older Dioceses. Where this is not the case some general provision is much to be desired; and if the efforts now authorized by the General Convention be limited to such instances and be regarded as temporary and provisional, they may well command our warmest sympathy and co-operation. If, on the other hand, they are to indicate the settled policy of the Church, and of the General Convention, we may, in that case, apprehend a recurrence of, in addition to others, those difficulties not less serious, which have beset our missionary operations, especially in the domestic field, for the last fifteen years.

I shall be slow to urge Dioceses to scrutinize closely the extent to which the General Convention absorbs the legislative functions of the Church. The analogies assumed by the founders of our General Church system between it and the Federal Constitution of the United States are not exemplified in practice. The subjects on which Dioceses legislate are few in number, and, for the most part, insignificant in character. But moderate discretion is exercised by them under the authority of law even within their own limits; and that discretion was narrowed by the action of the last General Convention. The details of our worship, our government, and even of our practical benificence are in the way of being arranged for us by a body which, in attempting to legislate for all parts of a vast country at once, must necessarily overlook the peculiar wants and capabilities of each different section of it. A proposition is now before the General Convention to establish Ecclesiastical Provinces and authorize Provincial Councils; and the time is evidently not distant when some such measure may become necessary. When that time arrives, the proper functions of the General Convention will require to be more clearly defined, and the proper powers and rights of Dioceses: in respect to legislation, will need to be more thoroughly understood. In the early stages of our Ecclesiastical history, union and co-operation were so important—the individual Dioceses were so weak—and discord and anarchy so imminent—that a central power to organize, combine and direct, was indispensable. There is always a tendency, however, to transform temporary emergencies into a standing necessity, and to make that a ruling and all-absorbing principle which, in the beginning was, in some sense, but a provisional expedient. The union of our Churches I hold to be an inestimable blessing; but it will be permanent and salutary, just in proportion as the central powers vested in the General Convention are asserted with moderation, and all matters which can be best regulated by Diocesan or

Provincial action remitted to those quarters. I make these remarks now because, most happily, our ecclesiastical sky is serene and bright, and such suggestions are, in the same proportion, less likely to be misapprehended or perverted. No one will be more prompt than myself to practice and recommend a respectful obedience to the authority of the General Convention; but such obedience does not preclude us from subjecting particular measures or a general policy to the scrutiny of calm and impartial criticism, since it is only through such criticism that we can prepare the way for wiser counsels.

In closing this address, I would ask you, brethren, to unite with me in unfeigned gratitude to God for the blessing which he has vouchsafed to our past efforts and in the firm determination that our labors and sacrifices hereafter shall be still more worthy of His acceptance. The future which is before us in this Diocese is big with results that must crown us with honor, or cover us with shame. Our state possesses within itself the elements of more than imperial greatness. Those elements are about to be developed with a rapidity and grandeur for which few of us are prepared. The next ten years must, in all probability, add more than a million to our present population. We shall then have, within the limits of this Commonwealth alone, more people than all that the States of the American Union, taken collectively, contained at the era of the Revolution. Are we prepared to do justice to the rightful claims which that population will have upon our communion? For the souls that even now are resident within the geographical limits of this Diocese, are we doing all that we might, or all that we should? In the presence of such spiritual necessities, existing or impending, does it become us to appeal to the Searcher of hearts with feelings of self-complacency? More clergymen with ampler endowments—more enterprise, and a more generous spirit of self sacrifice on the part of Bishop, ministers and people—more District Missionaries to visit the scattered members of our flock, to build up decayed parishes, and to organize new ones as God may furnish opportunity—arrangements by which lay-agency can be employed more largely in extending the borders of the Church, and giving efficiency to existing parishes—Sunday Schools more thoroughly identified with parishes and with our Church services, with more active supervision from pastors and parents—greatly increased effort in behalf of education in schools of every grade and name, whether public or private—a resolute purpose to present to young men more attraction in our Bible classes and Public Services and other parochial operations, and to supply those of them who are without immediate supervision from parents with all the guards of a wakeful but judicious Christian sympathy—a greatly increased consecration of our pecuniary gains to the work of the Lord—here are means plainly indicated to us by the finger of Providence. They are within our

reach, and on the humble and persevering use of them we may be assured of God's abundant blessing. If the progress of the last ten years has been full of encouragement, let that of the next ten demonstrate that we are animated by a still higher enthusiasm, and are bent indomitably on nobler results. Let our supplications to the Lord of the Harvest never be wanting that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest. Let prayer be made of the whole Church continually for a new dispensation of zeal, love and self-devotion, that all our people may labor together more fervently as with one mind and one heart. Let us see to it that the conscientious and open-handed liberality, which alone can make it safe, keeps pace with our almost boundless prosperity in material pursuits. And never will it become us to say that we have done our duty to this Church of our affections, till she shall have vindicated for herself her true position as the best Benefactor of men and the meekest and most devoted of the servants of Christ. ALONZO POTTER.

May 16th, 1854.

The Bishop then placed on the table the list of Candidates for Orders, and of Clergy belonging to this Diocese.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS,

May 16th, 1854.

Alexander Janney,	since	Nov. 14th,	1849.
James W. Robins,	"	July	1850.
George B. Reese,	"	Dec.	1850.
George A. Crooke,	"	May	1851.
Lewis R. Standermeyer,	"	May	"
James T. Hutcheson,	"	Oct.	"
Benjamin R. Smyser,	"	Oct.	"
William Ely,	"	Aug. 7th,	1852.
John Liggins,	"	Oct. 2d,	"
E. W. Appleton,	"	"	"
Samuel E. Appleton,	"	"	"
John W. Claxton,	"	Feb. 1st,	1853.
C. H. Albert,	"	May	"
Alfred M. Abel,	"	Dec. 3d,	"
Alfred Elwin,	"	Oct. 1st,	"
Fayette Durlin,	"	"	"
Hurley Baldey,	"	Nov. 6th,	"
Gideon J. Burton,	"	Jan. 7th,	1854.
William Brideaux,	"	"	"
John B. Henry,	"	Feb. 7th,	"
George Boyd Allinson,	"	"	"
George A. Latimer,	"	Mar. 5th	"
Richard Smith, Jr.,	"	April 2d,	"
Caldwell B. Mitchell,	"	"	"

ALONZO POTTER, Bishop, &c.

The tellers then reported as follows:—The tellers on the vote of the Clergy for Members of the Standing Committee reported that 86 votes had been cast for members of Standing Committee with the following result:—

Rev. Dr. Vaughan	received	76	vot's.	Mr. Thomas Robins	received	81	votes.
" " Hare	"	72	"	" E. Olmsted	"	76	"
" " Newton	"	58	"	" R. S. Smith	"	74	"
" Dr. Morton	"	55	"	" E. C. Biddle	"	68	"
" " Clay	"	32	"	" J. Bohlen	"	68	"
" Mr. Clark	"	30	"	" G. M. Wharton	"	17	"
" Mr. Cooper	"	24	"	" Tobias Wagner	"	1	"
" Mr. Natt	"	22	"	" Jas. S. Smith	"	1	"
" " Goddard	"	9	"				
" " Maxwell	"	6	"				
" Dr. Ducachet	"	1	"				

The tellers on the vote of the Laity for members of the Standing Committee reported that 79 votes had been cast with the following result:—

Rev. Dr. Vaughan	received	75	vot's.	Mr. E. Olmsted	received	78	votes.
" " Hare	"	72	"	" Thomas Robins	"	78	"
" " Newton	"	58	"	" E. C. Biddle	"	76	"
" Mr. Clark	"	48	"	" R. S. Smith	"	75	"
" Dr. Morton	"	38	"	" J. Bohlen	"	73	"
" Dr. Clay	"	23	"	" J. C. Cresson	"	4	"
" Mr. Natt	"	14	"	" G. M. Wharton	"	4	"
" Mr. Goddard	"	14	"	" C. E. Lex	"	1	"
" " Cooper	"	13	"	" A. Wells	"	1	"
" Dr. Bowman	"	3	"				
" Mr. Maxwell	"	3	"				
" " Odenheimer	"	2	"				
" Dr. Baleh	"	2	"				

The Chair declared that the Rev. Drs. Hare, Vaughan and Newton, and Mr. Biddle, Mr. Bohlen, Mr. Olmsted, Mr. Robins, and Mr. Smith, had received a majority of both orders.

The tellers on the Clerical vote for Deputies to the General Convention reported that 77 votes had been cast with the following result:—

Rev. Dr. Howe	received 70	vot's.	Mr.	J. N. Conyngham	ree'ved 69	votes.	
" " Stevens	" 68	"	"	G. M. Stroud	" 67	"	
" " Miles	" 63	"	"	H. Cope	" 70	"	
" Mr. Cornwall	" 36	"	"	G. R. White	" 36	"	
" " Crumpton	" 33	"	"	L. B. Smith	" 35	"	
" Dr. Bowman	" 3	"	"	G. M. Wharton	" 9	"	
" Mr. Lyman	" 3	"	"	W. M. Meredith	" 2	"	
" Dr. Newton	" 2	"	"	J. S. Smith	" 2	"	
" " Hilton	" 1	"	"	G. Church	" 1	"	
" " Coleman	" 1	"	"	A. Wells	" 1	"	
" " Clay	" 1	"	"	T. Wagner	" 1	"	
			"	T. Robins	" 1	"	
			"	R. L. Hayes	" 1	"	
			"	H. Hepburn	" 1	"	

The tellers on the Lay vote for Deputies to the General Convention reported that 73 votes had been cast with the following result :—

Rev. Dr. Howe	received 73	vot's.	Mr.	J. N. Conyngham	ree'ved 71	votes.	
" " Stevens	" 69	"	"	H. Cope	" 70	"	
" " Miles	" 68	"	"	G. M. Stroud	" 69	"	
" Mr. Cornwall	" 46	"	"	L. B. Smith	" 49	"	
" " Crumpton	" 26	"	"	G. R. White	" 23	"	
" Dr. Newton	" 2	"	"	G. M. Wharton	" 3	"	
" " Morton	" 2	"	"	J. R. Ingersoll	" 1	"	
" Mr. Mendenhall	" 2	"	"	F. Wharton	" 1	"	
" Dr. Ducachet	" 1	"	"	Boblen	" 1	"	
			"	T. D. Mutter	" 1	"	

The Chair declared that the Rev. Dr. Howe, the Rev. Dr. Stevens, and the Rev. Mr. Miles, were duly elected Clerical Deputies to the General Convention, and Messrs. Conyngham, Cope and Stroud, were duly elected lay Deputies; and that two vacancies existed.

Invitations were received from the officers of the Academy of Fine Arts, of the Philadelphia Athenæum, and of the Episcopal Reading Room, to visit their respective Institutions, which, on motion, were accepted.

The House then proceeded to business.

The Treasurer of the Convention and of the Episcopal Fund presented their reports, which are annexed.

The Standing Committee presented the following reports:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, respectfully present to the Convention the following abstract of their proceedings during the past year:

On the 7th of June they organized by the election of the Rev. Dr. Morton, as President, and Edward C. Biddle, as Secretary, and have, from that date, signed testimonials recommending the admission of Samuel B. Dalrymple, John Cromlish, Daniel Shaver, Fayette Durlin, Alfred Elwyn, Hurley Baldy, Alfred M. Abel, William Prideaux, Gideon J. Burton, John B. Henry, George Boyd Allinson, Geo. A. Latimer, Caldwell Beecher Mitchell and Richard Smith, Jr., as candidates for Holy Orders—of

David J. Henderson, Edward H. Kennedy, John K. Helmuth, Henry A. Coit, Daniel Kendig, John Williamson and Edward L. Lycett, for admission to the Holy Order of Deacons—and of the

Revs. William Huckel, David J. Henderson and Aaron Christman, for admission to the Holy Order of Priests.

In answer to a call from the Rev. Dr. Stevens, Secretary of the Convention, the Committee prepared a "condensed report and tabular statement of the state of the Church," which was approved by the Bishop and appended to the Journal of the last Convention.

The Committee at their meeting, July 5th, 1853, gave their assent to the sale of St. Paul's Church, Chester, of their Parsonage, and also of grounds attached to the Church for lots for burial purposes; with a view to their building a Parsonage on a better site and improving their Church property generally—and on the 6th December, gave their assent to All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, to mortgage two lots of ground on either side of said Church, to secure the balance due upon the ground, viz: $833 33.

In January, the clerical members of the Standing Committee were appointed to confer with the Bishop in relation to the Canons touching ordination, passed by the General Convention, in 1853, and in March, a Committee revised the "notice to persons who have in contemplation the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church," and had the same printed.

The Trustees of the Academy of the Protestant Episcopal Church having generously appropriated a room in their building to the use of the Standing Committee, it has, by direction of the Committee been suitably furnished, and a commodious case placed therein for the use of the Committee on Records. A fire-proof chest has also, in compliance with a resolution of the Convention, been purchased for the safe keeping of the Records of the Diocese.

Circulars have been issued to the Churches calling for increased contributions to the Convention Fund, and authority granted to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund to invest the surplus funds in his hands in the five per cent. loans of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Records have made the following additions to their collections during the present Conventional year, viz:

1.	Convention Journals of Pennsylvania, for 1853,	76 copies
2.	Journal of General Convention, 1853,	1 "
3.	Journals of the Conventions of other Dioceses, (bound in two volumes) each,	1 "
4.	Proceedings of the Court for the trial of Bishop Onderdonk of New York,	2 "
5.	Proceedings of the Court of Bishops for the trial of Bishop Doane, of New Jersey, 1st trial,	2 "
	2d trial,	2 "
6.	Notice to persons who have in contemplation the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, say	400 "
7.	Report of Clergy Daughters' Fund,	32 "
8.	Charter, &c., of the Diocesan Missionary Society,	28 "
9.	41st Annual Report of the Advancement Society,	1 "

EDWARD C. BIDDLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1854.

The Standing Committee herewith present the accounts of the Treasurers of the Episcopal and Convention Funds, duly audited and approved—also the Charters of

St. John's Church, Lancaster.

The Church of our Saviour, Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

And the Articles of Association of

St. Michael's Church, Birdsboro', Berks county.

St. Paul's Church, Dunbar, Fayette county.

Which they have examined and find to be in conformity to the Canon.

They also present to the Convention, the Charters of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, and Grace Church, Lodersville, Susquehanna county, which not being certified according to the Canon, they return without approval.

EDWARD C. BIDDLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1854.

The Rev. Dr. Balch offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. As the sense of this Convention, that it be recommended to the several vestries of our rural parishes, Boards of Managers of Diocesan and other Missionary Societies within this State, to fix the minimum salary of a Missionary or Rector, if a single man, at $500, and if married, at $750 per annum.

2nd. That this Convention hereby imposes a tax of two cents per week, on every communicant of the Church in this Diocese, to create a Fund to be called "the Supplementary Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania," and the Wardens of each parish be charged with the duty of collecting and paying over the same semi-annually, into the hands of the Treasurer of the "Supplementary Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania."

3rd. That a Committee consisting of — Presbyters and Laymen, be selected annually by this Convention, who, together the Bishop of the Diocese ex-officio

Chairman of the same, shall take charge of, and disburse said Fund, agreeably with regulations, hereafter prescribed.

4th. Whenever it is shown satisfactorily to the Bishops and Committee having charge of said Fund, that any parish or Missionary station cannot possibly make the salary of its Rector or Missionary equal to the minimum income, that the Committee shall have power to grant from year to year, at their discretion, out of said Fund, an amount requisite to supply the said deficiency.

5th. The Committee shall report annually to the Convention, the amount of its receipts and expenditures, specifying the parishes or stations which have been assisted.

The Committee on the Salaries of Ministers appointed at the last Convention, made the following report:

REPORT

Of the Committee "As to the most expedient mode of raising the salaries of Clergymen in the more destitute Parishes of Pennsylvania."

The Committee who now respectfully ask your attention, were appointed by the last Convention to report on this occasion, "As to the most expedient mode of raising the salaries of the Clergymen in the more destitute Parishes of this Diocese."

From the tabular view of the state of the church in Pennsylvania, appended to the Journal of the last Convention, it appears, so far as reports have been received, that *eleven* parishes in this Diocese pay their Rectors $2000 or more per annum. The Rectors of ten other Parishes receive salaries varying from $1000 to $1500 per annum. Thirty-two other parishes contract to pay their Pastors from $500 to $1000 per annum. There are also thirty-five parishes, each of which pledges its Pastor less than $500 per annum; and seventeen of this latter class contract to pay their respective ministers *less* than $300 per annum—in fact, one parish is reported as promising to pay its Pastor but $70 *per annum.* This, it is believed, is the lowest salary stipulated to be paid to the clergyman of any isolated parish in the Diocese. If from the gross amount of compensation promised by the last mentioned seventeen parishes or stations, the arrears as reported, be deducted, there will appear to be an *average paid* compensation by these parishes, for each of these seventeen pastors, of only $184 50 per annum; to only two of these parishes are parsonages attached. The Committee think that there can be but *one* opinion in the church upon this subject, and that such a state of things calls loudly for immediate and practical relief.

Much attention has, of late, been devoted to the increase of clerical salaries throughout our country; and in portions of New England, the increase has been from $100 to $500 per annum; and the better provision for the clergy has formed the theme of many an earnest appeal from our own Diocesan.

The present prices of provisions, and the increase in the market value of all the necessaries of life, demand a corresponding increase in the compensation of clergymen, and of all others who have the care and responsibility of households.

It should be borne in mind that clergymen, from their very profession, are subjected to certain additional, but indispensable expenses, from which the followers of most other callings are in a great measure exempt. Their libraries are to be constantly replenished, numerous calls upon their means are to be answered, and in the rural districts, expenses are incurred attendant upon the career of a travelling missionary.

While the ministers of Christ Jesus should not, and cannot, expect to be rich, they may *at least* look for a sufficient maintenance to free them from anxiety as to the support of their families and to enable them to make some little provision for their households, in the event of their removal by death, in the vigor of life, as melancholy experience has recently shewn, is by no means an unusual occurrence. Exposed to the diseases and the various chances of mortality in a far *greater* degree than the vast majority of men, they should at least be enabled to pursue their laborious yet noble duties, unharassed and untrammeled by pecuniary difficulties and embarrassments. "They who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." Not merely *exist*, but live, decently and comfortably; not in doubt as to their ability to meet the next quarter's house-rent, or to purchase a second barrel of flour when the first is nearly exhausted. An upward tendency in the salaries of all our clergy is a most desirable object; for although the compensation of the clergy in our cities may apparently be greater than that of our rural brethren, yet the actual difference is lessened very materially by a consideration of the far greater expenses of town life as compared with those of the country.

The following brief quotation from a late Pastoral Address of the Bishop of Vermont is well worthy of the most extensive circulation:

"You know that the salary of your pastor was fixed at a very moderate sum many years ago, when all the necessaries of life might be procured for two thirds or even one-half of the present prices. When grain, meat, butter, cheese, firewood, wages, and mechanics' work of all sorts were so far below their value at the present day, that $300 would then procure as much of the comforts of a family as $500 would command now. And yet, your minister then had no superfluity. At no time was his salary such that the utmost economy and the closest management were not required in his domestic system to avoid running into debt. How do you expect him to live when the price of subsistence has become so raised above the old standard, while his salary remains the same?"

But your Committee was appointed to report "some expedient mode of raising the salaries of the clergymen in the *more destitute* parishes of Pennsylvania." It shall be their care then to suggest some practical means (according to their best judgment) for the increase of the compensation of those pastors whose salaries from all official sources are less than $500 per annum. It is presumed that on a salary of $500, by dint of the most rigid economy on the part of both husband and wife, in the cheapest part of the Diocese, a clergyman with a small family may possibly manage to keep soul and body together, while those who receive less than that amount, must either inevitably incur debt, or be forced to resort to other means of livelihood calculated necessarily to interfere directly with the discharge of their spiritual and appropriate duties.

1st. The first suggestion your Committee have to offer is, that the duty of a better provision for the Christian ministry should be urged upon their respective congregations by the ministers themselves. A false and morbid delicacy often deters a clergyman from speaking out plainly on this point. Certain sentences in the offertory present, in the strongest light, this duty of maintaining the ministry. Let these expressive and profitable words of Scripture be more constantly read, so that the *people* shall not fail to hear God's own voice speaking to them in this wise:—

"They who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar."—1 Cor. ix. 13, 14.

"Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."—1 Cor. ix. 13, 14.

"Let him that is taught in the word minister unto him that teacheth, in all good things."—Gal. vi. 6, 7.

"Who goeth a warfare at any time of his own cost? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?"—1 Cor. ix. 7.

And let the duty which is taught by these sentences be plainly enforced as a regular part of the teaching of the sacred office of the ministry. The responsibility of the ambassadors of the Lord Jesus is not properly discharged until the *whole* counsel of God is declared on this and all other parts of His Holy Word.

Your committee are decidedly of the opinion that the number of half-fed and half-clad Missionaries of the Cross would be greatly diminished if due attention were paid to the teachings of God's own mouth upon the subject of the obligation of supporting God's *own* ministry.

It occurs to the minds of your Committee also, that a *Pastoral Letter from the Bishop* of the Diocese, upon the subject of an adequate support of the ministry, and distributed to every family of our communion in the Diocese, would be a very expedient method" of pressing this matter home upon the hearts and the consciences of the people. Many of the clergy are known to share in the sentiments expressed by one of their number, that a *discourse by the Bishop* in *every parish*, or a *Pastoral Letter* on this subject would go to the root of the whole difficulty; the great object being to make the people sensible, if possible, of their duty in relation to an adequate support of those who minister to their spiritual wants.

2d. Your Committee suggest that great relief could be afforded to the clergy of the more distant parishes by a collection taken up in all self-supporting churches once a year, the proceeds of which should be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, who, in conjunction with the Bishop, the President and Secretary of the Standing Committee, should be empowered to distribute this "*Pastoral-aid fund*," according to their best judgment, to clergymen in the Diocese, whose salaries, from all official sources, do not reach $500 per annum.

The more prosperous congregations must, for a time at least, come up to the assistance of the weaker parishes with far more liberality than they have hitherto evinced. In the remoter rural districts especially, money circulates slowly, and the parish clergyman sometimes finds it difficult to pay even for the commonest

necessaries of life. The "*Pastoral-aid fund*" above suggested would, it is believed, afford to each hardly pressed clergyman a certain portion of ready money, which would prove exceedingly acceptable, when "the bin was exhausted," and the raiment of the little ones waxing old.

3d. Your Committee are also of opinion that a change might be very judiciously made in the existing mode of providing services for many of the parishes in the more sparsely populated portions of the Diocese. Ministers are now far scarcer than means, and it seems to your Committee inexpedient that some of our clergymen should be retained *exclusively* at stations where, from peculiar circumstances, there can be but *little growth* in their congregations. Would it not be far wiser, to connect several feeble stations together to a much greater extent than is now done, and to appoint one clergyman, with a horse and wagon, and all necessary ammunition in the shape of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, as an itinerant missionary for even a whole county, or at least a large portion of a county? Religious services could thus be provided at various points, at stated periods, and foundations laid for future parishes, while, during the intervals of these *ministerial* visitations, the services of the church could be conducted and sermons read by some *pious laymen* appointed thereto by the Bishop. Your Committee are cognizant of cases where great good has been accomplished by the adoption of this system.

4th. Your Committee recommend what to their judgment appears to be *another very expedient* method of increasing clerical support in the more destitute parishes—"The formation, on as wide a basis as possible, of a *Church Building Society.*" This possesses a peculiar claim to our attention, because it would promote the independence of parishes, and in time produce a largely increased number of clergymen sustained by their own flocks, "a consummation most devoutly to be wished." Many feeble missionary points in the interior would give far more to their clergymen, if they were provided with *suitable houses of worship*, the pews and sittings of which could be rented at reasonable rates; the pastor of the flock would thus be secured a larger and more punctually paid salary than through the far more uncertain mode of *individual subscriptions.*

5th. Your Committee are also of opinion, that in some cases the Society for the advancement of Christianity, and the later Missionary Societies in the Diocese, might advantageously assist the weaker parishes, somewhat on the reciprocal principle: i. e. by a stipulation on the part of the Missionary Society to pay a certain amount per annum to a particular station, for the support of a clergyman, *conditioned* on the payment of a like amount on the part of the parish itself. This is the course pursued by the *Diocesan Church Society of Nova Scotia*, and it works admirably in that Diocese. There would be, of course, difficulties in the way of its universal application among us, which do not obtain in the colonial Diocese referred to; but it is respectfully submitted whether the principle could not be judiciously applied in our own Diocese; or a certain sum towards a pastor's salary might be pledged by a Missionary Society, with an understanding that it should be diminished each successive year, said decrease to be graduated by the increased ability of the parish to sustain its pastor.

It is scriptural and reasonable that the people should manifest a willingness to receive a clergyman before he shall be permanently settled among them. The relation between pastor and people is a contract binding on both parties,—the people receive spiritual things, and are bound to render to their pastors freely of their worldly things.

It appears to your Committee to be far more righteous that a parish which is *able*, but not *willing*, to support its minister, should suffer from a temporary famine of the word, than that the minister of GOD should be allowed to remain at such a post to subject his family to starvation and his holy office to contempt.

6th. Another very excellent "mode of raising the salaries, &c," and thus rendering the pastoral tie far more binding than it is at present, is *the moderate endowment of Churches*, where the population is sparse, and of such a character as to be unable to support its minister without aid from without. A very good article on this subject appeared some time since in one of our Church papers; let the writer speak for himself: "Let the managers of a Missionary Society make some such arrangement as this:—propose to give, at once, to any parish a sum not exceeding $2000, provided that the people of the parish raise as much more, and let this sum be invested by a joint committee of the Missionary Society and the Vestry, in some public security, ground rent, or other safe investment, yielding six per cent. per annum. By this means the Society would be at once relieved of the support of one of its stipendiaries, and a self-supporting parish would be created. The clergyman would receive this annual interest, and as much more as the ability and liberality of his people might afford. Every year would add one or more self-sustaining churches to the list; clerical changes would become fewer, and the cause of the church be strengthened. The sum taken out of the fund of the society could be assessed on the salaries of all the missionaries, or the number might be kept so small as to allow an annual endowment appropriation, and still leave the stipends entire.

"Or an entire new Society might be formed for this particular purpose—the endowment of Churches. Its regulations could be so framed as to secure perfect impartiality, and it might be made the trustee of legacies and donations. By keeping the subject of endowments continually before the Church, and restricting the society to a sum not exceeding $2000, in any one case, and that conditioned upon a like sum raised in the parish, a good work would be begun. In many parishes—eventually we think in most—a resident and laborious clergy, not staying under hopes of removing, but settled for life, would be able to build up the temporalities, and increase the endowment from year to year; until in the end the Churches at present in the Diocese would not only be self-supporting, but able and willing to put every new church in the destitute portions of the State on a good footing at once. And they would be able to do much more than at present for missionaries out of our limits, not only in our own land, but in foreign countries."

Such, as it appears to your Committee, are "the most expedient modes of increasing the salaries, &c," and they are urged with earnestness upon the attention of the clergy and laity of this Convention. The best interests of our beloved

Church are involved in this most practical question. The ranks of the clergy are becoming thinned by disease and death, and we look in vain for laborers to fill the gaps and to be "baptized for the dead." Recruits will be few and far between until proper provision shall have been made for the support of those who by their very profession are cut off from the ordinary sources of profit. The clergy have the same wants and necessities as other men. GOD does not supply them by extraordinary and miraculous means, as Elijah of old was fed by ravens at the brook of Cherith, for it is a characteristic of the Divine economy that miracles are not used when natural agencies will suffice to accomplish the ends designed. "The cries of the laborers who are reaping down the fields of the Great Husbandman, for their proper hire, have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth;" and the laity for their own sake, as well as for the clergy's sake, should respond to those cries. They should provide such a support for their clergy as would raise up a class of manly, independent and *only* GOD-fearing ministers, men who should be "encouraged to speak boldly as they ought to speak, crouching to no man for their morsel of bread, nor tempted to lick the hand that feeds them." The ministers of the LORD do not ask for riches, for then they might forget GOD, nor for poverty, for then they might forget themselves, but for food and raiment sufficient for themselves and their families. "They should be so maintained as to prevent the poverty of their condition from prejudicing the force of their reasoning, or give occasion to a high minded hearer to accuse their plain speech of unmannerly presumption. Until we can find a Church on earth perfectly true to the image of our LORD in all her members, and in all the successive generations of her members, it is a vision indeed to reject all adventitious support and all temporal considerations." And the clergy should be so sustained as to be enabled to devote their whole time and energies to the appropriate duties of their sacred office; otherwise they can give but a poor account of their Master's work. Here is the testimony of one of good degree in the Church: "Something must be done to increase and ensure a support to our country clergy, or the services of our Church must be confined to the cities and large towns. I have not received $100 per annum from those to whom I minister. I can give, I am grieved to say, but a fraction of my time to my holy calling, having to toil in teaching to enable me to keep a horse and support a wife and five children; the result of this is, I cannot visit my flock and others who might be induced to unite with the Church." The same excellent clergyman complains that though he wishes to hold evening services at various points during the week, he is tied to his school to support his family, and is, therefore, precluded from the possibility of carrying his holy desire into execution.

Your Committee believe, that with the Divine blessing, the practical carrying out of the above suggestions, would lead to the speedy establishment of many more self-supporting parishes, the recruiting of the ranks of our ministry, and the *immediate* relief of a band of hard-working, useful and self-sacrificing ministers of Christ.

They conclude their report with the recommendation of the following Resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Right Reverend Bishop Potter be respectfully requested to address a pastoral letter to the Diocese upon the subject of the increase of clerical support.

2nd. *Resolved*, That this Convention recommend that collections be made in all the self-supporting parishes of the Diocese once a year to form a "*pastoral aid-fund*," which shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, who, in conjunction with the Bishop, the President and Secretary of the Standing Committee, shall distribute the same according to the best of their judgment amongst those clergymen in the Diocese who receive, from all official sources, less than $500 per annum, except in cases where *particular* appropriations may be specified by churches making such collections.

3rd. *Resolved*, That this Convention strongly recommend the formation of a *Church-building society*; and with a view to the attainment of this desirable object, request the clergy to call the attention of their respective parishes to the earnest recommendation of our Diocesan to take up a collection once a year for church-building purposes.

HENRY E. MONTGOMERY,
JACOB M. DOUGLASS,
WM. WELSH.

Philadelphia, May 16, 1854.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, *Resolved*, that this Report and the resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Balch, be made the order of the day, for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

Wednesday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The calling of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Chair stated that the order of the day was the election of members of the Standing Committee and delegates to the General Convention.

The election of members of the Standing Committee being in order, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Buchanan, that the election be postponed.

On motion of Mr. Ashhurst, the motion to postpone was laid on the table.

Mr. F. Wharton made the following nominations :

Rev. J. A. Vaughan, D. D.
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.
" Richard Newton, D. D.
" Samuel A. Clark,

Edward C. Biddle,
John Bohlen,
Edward Olmsted,
Thomas Robins,
Richard S. Smith.

The Rev. Dr. Stevens nominated the following :

Rev. Henry J. Morton, D. D.
" John A. Vaughan, D. D.
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.
" Richard Newton, D. D.
" Charles D. Cooper,

Mr. Thomas Robins,
" John Bohlen,
" Edward Olmsted,
" Edward C. Biddle,
" Richard S. Smith.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper declined being a candidate, whereupon,

Rev. Dr. Hare nominated the Rev. Dr. Clay.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin nominated the Rev. G. W. Natt.

The Chair appointed the following tellers :

Clerical Tellers, Rev. Messrs. Beatty, Trapier, Beasley and Washburn.

Lay Tellers, Messrs. Ralston. Brooke, Parke and Aertsen.

Pending the ballot, the Standing Committee reported the following charters, which were referred to the Committee on Charters :

Church of the Incarnation, Darby, Delaware county.

St. John's, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Mr. Spackman presented a petition from the Wardens and Vestry of St. Thomas' African Church, which he moved to lay on the table, which was carried. He then gave notice that on Thursday he would move to repeal the 8th revised regulation.

The Chair appointed the following tellers for the election of Deputies to the General Convention:

Clerical Tellers, Rev. Messrs. Odenheimer, D. S. Miller, J. B. Morss and Crumpton.

Lay Tellers, Messrs. J. C. Cresson, L. Lewis, J. R. Lambdin and G. F. Curwen.

The Committee on Charters have had before them the Charter of Incorporation of the Church of our Saviour, Philadelphia; the Charter of Incorporation of St. Paul's Church, Dunbar township, Fayette county; the Charter of Incorporation of St. John's Church, Lancaster, and the Articles of Association of St. Michael's Church, Birdsboro', Berks county, and find the same to be in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

They therefore offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That those churches be, and the same are hereby received into union with this Convention.

The Committee on Charters have examined the Charter of the Church of the Incarnation, Darby, Delaware county, and also the Charter of Incorporation of St. John's Church, Reading, Berks county, and find the same to be conformable to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

They offer therefore the following resolution:—

Resolved, That these churches be, and the same are hereby received into union with this Convention.

J. C. CLAY, Chairman.

On motion adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Thursday Morning, May 18, 1854.

After Divine Service, Convention came to order.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of yesterday P. M. were read and confirmed.

The Chair stated that the order of the day was the consideration of the resolutions offered yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Balch, and the Report of the Committee.

Judge Stroud moved to postpone the order of the day,

in order to take up the amendment to the Constitution offered at the last session of the Convention, *vide* page 63 last Journal, which amendment was approved, the vote being by orders as follows:—

AYES.

Rev. T. G. Allen,
" L. P. W. Balch, D. D.,
" F. W. Beasley,
" A. Beatty,
" James Bonnar, B. D.,
" E. Y. Buchanan,
" Levi Bull, D. D.,
" J. C. Clay, D. D.,
" N. E. Cornwall,
" Thomas Crumpton,
" R. Davis,
" J. M. Douglass,
" B. J. Douglass,
" George C. Drake,
" R. B. Duane,
" S. Durborow,
" B. Franklin,
" R. D. Hall,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.,
" Wm. J. Hilton,
" M. Hirst,
" Wm. Huckel,
" M. C. Lightner,
" John Long,
" J. G. Maxwell,
Rev. G. D. Miles,
" Geo. Mintzer,
" W. W. Montgomery,
" J. K. Murphy,
" Richard Newton, D. D,
" W. H Paddock,
" R. O. Page,
" A. Prior,
" J. M. Rogers,
" Joel Rudderow,
" G. M. Skinner,
" J. B. Smith,
" J. H. Smith,
" R. Smith,
" N. Stem,
" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.,
" Wm. Suddards,
" C. W. Thomson,
" R. S. Trapier,
" P. Van Pelt,
" D. Washburn,
" W. E. Webb,
" H. H. Weld,
" T. W. Winchester.

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NOES.

Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D. D.,
" J. B. Morss,

Rev. G. W. Natt.

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AYES.

St. Andrew's Church,	Pittsburgh.
St. James',	"
Christ,	Reading.
St. Thomas',	Morgantown.
St. James the Greater,	Bristol.
St. Luke's,	Newtown.
Grace,	Hulmeville.
Trinity,	Centreville.
St. Paul's,	Doylestown.

AYES.

St. Philip's,	Summit Hill.
St. Peter's,	Great Valley.
St. John's,	New London Township.
St. Mary's,	Warwick "
St. Mark's,	Honeybrook.
Church of the Holy Trinity,	Westchester.
Christ Church,	Meadville.
St. Stephen's,	Harrisburg.
St. Paul's,	Chester.
St. Martin's,	Marcus Hook.
St. David's,	Radnor.
St. James',	Lancaster.
All Saints',	Paradise.
St. Stephen's,	Wilkesbarre.
St. Luke's,	Scranton.
St. Mark's,	Lewistown.
St. James',	Perkiomen Township.
St. James',	Philadelphia.
St. Andrew's,	"
Grace,	"
Church of the Ascension,	"
" " " Epiphany,	"
" " " Atonement,	"
" " " Nativity,	Spring Garden.
St. Philip's,	"
St. Luke's,	Philadelphia.
St. John's,	Northern Liberties.
Advent,	"
St. Matthew's,	Francisville.
St. Jude's,	Spring Garden.
Emmanuel,	Kensington.
Zion,	South Penn Township.
St. Luke's,	Germantown.
Christ,	"
Emmanuel,	Holmesburg.
St. Mark's,	Frankford.
St. James',	Kingsessing.
Trinity,	Pottsville.
St. James',	Schuylkill Haven.
Grace,	Honesdale.
St. John's,	York.

NOES.

Trinity Church,	Pittsburgh.
St. John's,	Pequea.
St. John's,	Concord Township.

St. Stephen's,	Philadelphia.
Church of the Redemption,	Spring Garden.
All Saints',	Moyamensing.
St. James the Less,	North Penn Township.
Trinity,	Oxford.

On motion of Mr. F. Wharton, it was *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to report to the next Convention whether any change in the nomenclature of the Churches in the city of Philadelphia, is rendered necessary by the passage of the late Consolidation Act.

The Chair appointed as the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Howe, Francis Wharton and M. Russel Thayer.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Balch, it was *Resolved*, that the report of the Committee on Missionaries' Salaries, and the resolutions, be referred to a special Committee to report thereon during this session, and they have permission to retire.

The Committee appointed were the Rev. Dr. Balch, Rev. Dr. Ducachet, Rev. Mr. Wilmer, Mr. William Welsh and Mr. J. C. Cresson.

The Chair stated that the order of the day was the election of the two remaining Clerical members of the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Hare nominated the Rev. Dr. Morton and the Rev. Dr. Clay.

The Rev. Mr. Suddards nominated the Rev. Mr. Cooper and the Rev. Dr. Morton.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet nominated the Rev. G. W. Natt.

Nominations for Deputies to the General Convention were declared to be in order.

The Rev. Mr. Cornwall withdrew from being a candidate, and nominated the Rev. Mr. Crumpton.

Mr. L. B. Smith also withdrew as a candidate.

The Rev. Mr. Ogilby nominated the Rev. Dr. Bowman and Mr. G. M. Wharton.

Mr. Ashhurst nominated the Rev. Mr. Duane.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper nominated Mr. G. W. Woodward.

The Rev. Mr. Meyer nominated the Rev. Dr. Newton.

The Rev. Dr. Hare nominated Mr. G. R. White.

The Rev. Mr. Allen nominated Mr. J. R. Ingersoll.

The Tellers on the Clerical vote for Standing Committee reported that 85 votes had been cast, with the following result:

Rev. Dr. Morton,	received	48	vot's.	Rev. Dr. Duchachet,	rec'ved	1	votes.
" " Clay,	"	41	"	" Mr. Washburn,	"	1	"
" Mr. Clark,	"	24	"	" Dr. Stevens,	"	1	"
" " Goddard,	"	22	"	" " Hare,	"	1	"
" " Natt,	"	11	"	" Mr. Furey,	"	1	"
" " Cooper,	"	10	"	" Dr. Vaughan,	"	1	"
" Dr. Balch,	"	3	"	" Mr. Quick,	"	1	"
" " Coleman,	"	2	"				

The Lay Tellers reported that 71 votes were cast with the following result:

Rev. Dr. Morton,	received	48	vot's.	Rev. Dr. Balch,	rec'ved	2	vot's
" " Clay,	"	32	"	" " Coleman,	"	1	"
" Mr. Clark,	"	22	"	" " Ducachet,	"	1	"
" " Goddard,	"	17	"	" Mr. Suddards,	"	1	"
" " Natt,	"	5	"				

The Chair declared that the Rev. Dr. Morton was duly elected a Clerical member of the Standing Committee, and that one vacancy remained to be filled.

The Rev. Mr. Natt and Rev. Mr. Cooper withdrew from being candidates.

The clerical tellers for Deputies to the General Convention reported that 73 votes had been cast, with the following result:

Rev. Mr. Crumpton	received	21	vot's.	Mr. G. R. White	rec'ved	23	votes.
" Dr. Bowman	"	20	"	" G. M. Wharton	"	21	"
" Mr. Duane	"	13	"	" G. W. Woodward	"	16	"
" Dr. Balch	"	6	"	" J. R. Ingersoll	"	3	"
" " Newton	"	3	"	" Smith	"	3	"
" " Morton	"	2	"	" F. R. Brunot	"	2	"
" Mr. Thomson	"	2	"	" G. M. Stroud	"	1	"
" Dr. Coleman	"	1	"	" F. Wharton	"	1	"
" " Clay	"	1	"	" W. M. Meredith	"	1	"
" " Newton	"	1	"	" Buchanan	"	1	"
" Mr. Cornwall	"	1	"				
" " Walsh	"	1	"				
" " Ogilby	"	1	"				

The lay tellers for Deputies to the General Convention reported that 59 votes had been cast, with the following result:

Rev. Mr. Crumpton	received	17	vot's.	Mr. G. W. Woodward	rec'ved	16	votes.
" " Duane	"	17	"	" G. R. White	"	15	"
" Dr. Bowman	"	10	"	" G. M. Wharton	"	12	"
" " Balch	"	6	"	" J. R. Ingersoll	"	5	"
" " Newton	"	4	"	" L. B. Smith	"	4	"
" Mr. Cornwall	"	3	"	" F. R. Brunot	"	3	"
" " McElhinney	"	1	"	" H. Hepburn	"	2	"
" Dr. Coleman	"	1	"	" R. C. Hale	"	1	"
" Mr. Byllesby	"	1	"	" W. M. Meredith	"	1	"
" " Buchanan	"	1	"				

The Chair declared that there was no election.

On motion of Mr. T. K. Bull, further balloting was dispensed with.

The Chair stated that in consequence of the change in the Constitution adopted this morning, the following gentlemen were entitled to seats:

Rev. A. J. Berger,
" Wm. C. Cooley,
" Geo. C. Foote,
Rev. Richard Temple,
" Anthony Ten Broeck.

Their names were then called, and Mr. Cooley, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Ten Broeck answered.

The Rev. Dr. Howe, as the Secretary of the General Convention, called the attention of the house to the

amendments to the Constitution of the P. E. Church, proposed by the last General Convention, which are as follows:

A change in Article II. so as to read:—

"*Such* representation shall consist of *not more than four clergymen and four laymen—communicants in this church, resident in the Diocese, and chosen in the manner prescribed* by the Convention *thereof.*"

A change in Article V. providing that no "new Diocese shall be formed, which shall contain less than *fifteen self-supporting parishes, or less than fifteen presbyters*, who have been, for at least one year, canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop.

"Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than *thirty self-supporting parishes*, or less than *twenty* presbyters, who have been residing therein, and settled and qualified as above mentioned, *provided that no city shall form more than one Diocese.*"

And a change in Article VI., viz:—

"In every Diocese the mode of trying presbyters and deacons may be instituted by the convention of the Diocese, *until the General Convention shall provide a uniform mode of trial.*"

The italicised words in the above extracts mark the changes from the present terms of the Constitution.

The following report was then read:

The Committee appointed to examine and report in relation to the document prepared by the Rev. Mr. Franklin, respectfully report, that they have performed the duty assigned them, and recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the document be neatly copied and bound under the direction of its compiler, and be deposited where the papers of this Convention are ordered to be kept.

Resolved, 2. That the expenses of copying and binding be paid by the Treasurer of the Convention.

G. EMLEN HARE,
B. FRANKLIN,
G. M. WHARTON,
Committee.

January 19, 1854.

The Committee on the expediency of amending the 2nd clause of the Constitution (p. 57 of the last journal), reported progress and asked leave to be continued, which motion was carried.

The clerical tellers for Standing Committee reported that 79 votes were cast, with the following result:—

Rev. Dr. Clay	received	38	vot's.	Rev. Mr. Maxwell	received	1	vote.
" Mr. Clark	"	23	"	" Dr. Newton	"	1	"
" " Goddard	"	9	"	Blank,		2	"
" " Cooper	"	5	"				

The lay tellers for Standing Committee reported that 61 votes were cast, with the following result:—

Rev. Dr. Clay	received	31	vot's.	Rev. Mr. Goddard	received	2	votes.
" Mr. Clark	"	19	"	" Dr. Morton	"	1	"
" " Cooper	"	8	"				

The Chair declared there was no election.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Stevens, further balloting was dispensed with.

The following communication was read by the Secretary:—

PHILADELPHIA BANK, 18th May, 1854.

My Dear Sir,—

As other duties will prevent my attendance at the Convention this morning, will you do me the favor, at the proper time during the elections, to state to that body my declination of a re-election as Treasurer. I have served the Convention fourteen years in that office, and think I have now a right to claim relief from its duties. I therefore beg you will do me this favor, and ask that another person be selected to fill the office.

In haste, your friend and servant,

THOMAS ROBINS.

Rev. W. B. Stevens.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Robins' resignation was accepted, and the thanks of the Convention tendered to him for his long and faithful services.

Mr. Spackman called up the motion, of which he gave notice yesterday, to repeal the 8th revised regulation.

The following memorial, laid on the table yesterday, was called up by Mr. Spackman and read by the Secretary, as follows:—

To the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, in Convention assembled.

THE PETITIONERS,—The Minister, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of "St. Thomas' African Protestant Episcopal Church,"

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:—That the aforesaid St. Thomas' Church, having been duly organized, and constituted a body politic, in accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have conformed to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the "Episcopal Church," for more than half a century, yet until the present period said church stands unacknowledged as a branch of the "Episcopal Church" in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

YOUR PETITIONERS FURTHER SHOWETH:—That, from our own experience, the prosperity of the church we represent has been greatly retarded, temporally as well as spiritually, from the position in which she has been placed in the Diocese.

While we are fully convinced of the adaptedness of the order of worship and discipline of the "Episcopal Church," to the wants of the greater portion of the people we represent, we are assured that its failure to command a more universal acceptance among them, is owing, more than to any other cause, to the anomalous and undignified position we occupy as a church in this Diocese. Believing, as we do, that there is no just or reasonable grounds that the aforesaid church should not be allowed to occupy the same level with her sister churches in a representative capacity, and be admitted into union with the Convention,

WE THEREFORE, Do most respectfully *petition* your honorable body to repeal the 'Eighth Revised Regulation," whereby the said St. Thomas' Church is deprived of the right of representation. All of which is respectfully submitted to your favorable consideration.

And we will ever pray. In behalf of the Vestry of St. Thomas' African Protestant Episcopal Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

WILLIAM DOUGLASS,

JAMES NEEDHAM, Church Warden. Rector.

May 15th, 1854.

After discussion upon this question, Rev. Dr. Clay moved to lay the resolution of Mr. Spackman on the table.

A division was called for but before taking the question, on motion the House adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary.*

Thursday Afternoon, 5 P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Clay withdrew his motion to lay the resolution of Rev. Mr. Spackman, offered this morning, on the table.

The vote was then taken by orders on Mr. Spackman's resolution to repeal the 8th Revised Regulation, as follows :

AYES.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter,
Rev. Mr. Allen,
" Dr. Balch,
" Mr. Beasley,
" " Beatty,
" " Bonnar,
" " Brown,
" Dr. Bull,
" Mr. Byllesby,
" " Childs,
" " Clark,
" " Clements,
" " Coolcy,
" " Cooper,
" " Cornwall,
" " Crumpton,
" " J. M. Douglass,
" " B. J. Douglass,
" " Drake,
" " Duane,
" " S. Durborow,
" " Field,
" " Furey,
" " Goddard,
" " Hall,
" " Hard,
" Dr. Hare,
" Mr. Hilton,
" " Hirst,
" " Kirke,
" " Leaf,
" " Lightner,
" " Marple,
" " Mendenhall,
" " McLeod,

Rev. Mr. Meyer,
" " Miles,
" " Miller,
" " Mintzer,
" " W. W. Montgomery,
" " J. K. Murphy,
" " Nash,
" " Natt,
" Dr. Newton,
" Mr. Odenheimer,
" " Paddock,
" " Page,
" " Platt,
" " Prior,
" " Rudderow,
" " Russell,
" " J. B. Smith,
" " J. H. Smith,
" " Spackman,
" " Stem,
" " Stone,
" " Suddards,
" " Taylor,
" " Temple,
" " Thomson,
" " Tullidge,
" " Van Pelt,
" Dr. Vaughan,
" Mr. Walsh,
" " Washburn,
" " Webb,
" " Weld,
" " White,
" " Wiley,
" " Yarnall.

Ayes 70.

NOES.

Rev. Mr. Bean,
" Dr. Bowman,
" Mr. Buchanan,
" Dr. Clay,
" " Coleman,
" Mr. R. Davis,
" " T. J. Davis,
" Dr. Ducachet,
" Mr. G. A. Durborow,
" " Elsegood,
" " Franklin,
" " Harris,
" Dr. Howe,
" Mr. Huckel,
Noes 28.

Rev. Mr. Long,
" " Lyman,
" " Maxwell,
" " Morss,
" Dr. Morton,
" Mr. Ogilby,
" " Rodney,
" " Rogers,
" " Skinner,
" " R. Smith,
" Dr. Stevens,
" Mr. Ten Brœck,
" " Trapier,
" " Wilmer.

LAITY.

	AYES.	NOES.
Trinity, Pittsburgh,		Mr. Lewis,
St. Andrew's, "	Mr. Hill,	
St. Paul's "	" Arthurs,	
St. James', "	" Brunot,	
Christ, Reading,	" Greis,	Mr. Eckart, Mr. Strichter,
St. Thomas', Morgantown,	" L. B. Smith,	
St. James the Greater, Bristol,		Dr. Mendenhall,
St. Luke's, Newtown,	" Cresson	
Grace, Hulmeville,	" Harrison,	Mr. Elmsley,
Trinity, Centreville,		" Stavely,
St. Paul's, Doylestown,		" Brolaskey,
St. Peter's, Great Valley,		" C. Evans,
St. John's, New London,	" McDonald,	
St. Paul's, West Whiteland,	" Jones,	
St. Peter's, Phœnixville,		Major McVeagh,
St. James', Downingtown,		Mr. Wilson,
St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,		" Beatty,
St. Paul's, Chester,	" Johnson, Mr. Thatcher,	
St. David's, Radnor,	" Brooke,	
St. John's, Concord,	" Gest,	
Calvary, Rockdale,		" R. S. Smith,
St. James', Lancaster,		" Thackara,
All Saints, Paradise,		" Baker, Mr. Conyngham,
St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre,	" Colt,	

	AYES.	NOES.
St. Luke's, Scranton,		Mr. Swift,
St. Mark's, Lewistown,	Mr. Walters,	
St. James', Perkiomen,	" Casselberry,	
Christ, Pottstown,	" Hobart, Mr. Rutter,	
Christ, Danville,		" Baldy,
Christ, Philadelphia,		" Watts,
St. Peter's, "		" Smith, Mr. Lewis
St. Paul's, "	" George,	
St. James', "	" Cabot, Mr. Yarnall,	" Wharton,
St. Andrew's, "	" Stevenson, Mr. Bohlen,	" Robins,
St. Stephen's, "		" Shippen, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Kirkham,
Grace, "	" Cope, Mr. Hoskins,	
Epiphany, "	" Ashhurst, Mr. Porter, Mr. Powers,	
Ascension, "		" Helmsley, Mr. Thayer,
St. Luke's, "		" Welsh,
Atonement, "		" Cresson, Mr. Hand,
St. Mark's, "	" Platt,	Dr. Mutter, Mr. Cannell,
Mediator, "		" Clements, Mr. Woodward,
St. John's, N. L.,		Mr. Letford,
Advent, "	" Bachus,	" Reed, Mr. Miskey,
St. Matthew's, Francisville,	" McCalla,	
St. Philip's, S. G.,		" Cresson, Mr. Webb,
Nativity, S. G.,	" Lex,	" Thompson, Mr. Huckel,
Redemption, S. G.,		" Hyatt, Mr. J. R. C. Smith,
St. Jude's, S. G.,	" Payne,	
Emmanuel, Kensington,	" Shepherd,	
Messiah, "	" Graeff, Mr. McPaul,	
Zion, South Penn,	" Whittington,	
Trinity, Southwark,		" Rutter, Dr. Klapp,
Evangelists, "		" Boulton,
Gloria Dei, "		" McKay,
All Saints', Moyamensing,		" Montgom'y, Mr. Wells,
St. Luke's, Germantown,	" C. S. Smith, Mr. Lambdin,	" Littell,
Christ, "		" Scott, Mr. Lehman,
St. David's, Manayunk,		" Wagner, Mr. Crease,
St. James the Less, North Penn,		" Ralston, Mr. Blight,
Resurrection, Rising Sun,		Dr. Lamb,
Trinity, Oxford,		Mr. Green,
All Saints', Lower Dublin,	Dr. King,	

AYES.		NOES.
Emmanuel, Holmesburg,		Mr. Wucherer,
St. Mark's, Frankford,	Mr. F. Wharton,	
St. Mary's, West Philada.,	" N. B. Browne,	
St. James', Kingsessing,		" A. H. Smith, Dr. R. K Smith,
St. Andrew's, West Phila.,	" C. Blakiston,	
Trinity, Marylandville,	" Riley,	
Trinity, Pottsville,		" Parry, Mr. Russell,
St. James', Schuyl. Haven,	" Hill,	
Grace, Honesdale,	" Z. H. Russell, Mr. Gunn,	
St. John's, York,		Judge Fisher, Mr. Herman.

Ayes 32. Noes 40. One divided.

So the resolution was lost.

Rev. Dr. Balch, Chairman of the Committee on Clerical Support, appointed this morning, made the following report :—

The Report of the Committee, appointed by the Convention of 1853, on the increase of the salaries of the Clergy in this Diocese, together with the resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Balch, submitted to the present Convention, having been referred to the undersigned, they have agreed to recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the Convention :—

1. *Resolved*, As the sense of this Convention, that the fixed salary of a Missionary or Rector of a rural Parish or station in this Diocese, if a single man, ought in no case to be less than $500, and if married, not less than $750 per annum.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rectors, Wardens and Vestrymen of the several parishes be earnestly enjoined to adopt the most vigorous and systematic measures to increase the contributions of the congregations towards the Missionary Fund of the Diocese, in order to carry into effect the foregoing resolution.

3. *Resolved*, That the Right Rev. the Bishop be requested to present the subject of the inadequate support of the Clergy, to the several congregations of the Diocese, in such manner as may best accord with his judgment.

LEWIS P. W. BALCH,
H. W. DUCACHET,
J. P. B. WILMER,
WM. WELSH,
JOHN C. CRESSON.

The vote being taken on each of the above resolutions, they were severally and unanimously adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Spackman offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention the Clergy ought to set forth the claims of this subject on the attention of the people irrespective of their own personal interest, and in the principles enunciated in the sentences read in the offertory of the Communion office.

The Committee on Charters presented the following report :

Resolved, That the applications of Grace Church, Loudersville, Great Bend, and St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, for union with this Convention, have not been sustained by any authentic evidence to authorize this Committee to submit them to the Convention, there being no *original* signers to the Charters offered, but the whole being merely *copies* of Charters and names; and they, therefore, ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

J. C. CLAY, Chairman.

On motion adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

Friday morning, May 19th, 1854.

After Divine Service, Convention came to order. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Bowman offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That on or before the 1st day of October next, there shall be paid to the Treasurer of this Convention, by each Parish in connection therewith, a sum equal to — per cent. on the salary of the Rector or Minister thereof—to be applied forthwith, according to the discretion of the Committee hereafter named, to the objects and purposes following, viz: 1st. To the use and benefit of those clergymen engaged in parochial work, whose income is less than $500 per annum. And 2nd. To other poor and deserving clergymen, and to the destitute widows and children of clergymen deceased.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed, of whom the Bishop and Treasurer of this body shall be members, to see that the duties and purposes of the foregoing resolution be promptly and faithfully executed.

Judge Stroud offered the following as a substitute for the first resolution :

That a sum be assessed upon the Parishes of the Diocese, at the rate of three cts. per week, for each communicant—that it be the duty of the several vestries to collect the same in such a manner as they may deem best—and that the quota of each Parish so ascertained, be charged weekly upon each vestry, who shall pay the same over every month to such Committee or Committees as may be provided to receive the same.

Rev. Mr. Spackman moved to refer the whole subject to a Committee for immediate report.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Buchanan, the whole subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Rev. D. Washburn, it was

Resolved, That the Committee of which the Rev. Dr. Balch is Chairman, be continued to consult and advise with the Bishop at his pleasure in the practical application of their resolutions as adopted yesterday, and report at the next Convention.

On motion of Mr. F. Wharton,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Smith for his very appropriate and excellent sermon delivered on Wednesday morning.

Rev. Mr. Lightner moved to take up the resolutions appended to the report of the Committee appointed to inquire whether the words of the 4th article of the Constitution (line 5) &c., *vide* last Journal, p. 60, which resolution was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Lightner then offered the following as a substitute :

1. *Resolved*, That the Constitution of this Diocese be altered as follows :

In the 4th article (line 17 p. 10, ed. 1851,) after the words " United States" and before the words " shall be," *insert* " or otherwise employed in the work of the ministry according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and with the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority."

2. *Resolved*, That the 6th Canon of this Diocese be altered as follows :

In the last line of p. 23, ed. 1851, immediately after the words " some Parish in this Diocese" *insert* " or is to be otherwise employed in the work of the ministry according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church and with the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority."

The alteration of the Constitution was approved.

On motion of Mr. G. M. Wharton the alteration of the Canon was postponed to the next Convention.

Rev. Mr. Stone, from the Committee appointed to compile and draw up a manual of laws and canons which shall define the duties, rights and regulations of vestries in this Diocese, presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed and to lie over till the next Convention:

The Committee appointed " to compile and draw up a manual of laws and canons which shall define the duties, rights and regulations of vestries in this Diocese, beg leave to offer the following report:

1st. They would recommend as the first article of this manual, the " Charter of Incorporation adopted by the Convention and referred to in Regulation v. p. 36 of the Constitution of the Diocese.

Art. 2nd. The duties of Wardens and Vestrymen.

It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church; to regulate all its temporal concerns; to elect a Rector, or Minister thereof, (except when the Charter shall otherwise provide)—to provide for their support and well being; to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine Service; and, in general, to act as helpers to the Rector, or Ministers, in whatever is appropriate to laymen for the furtherance of the Gospel,—it being understood always, that the spiritual concerns of the Parish are under the exclusive control of the Rector, in subordination to the ecclesiastical authority and laws of the Diocese.

It shall be the special duty of the Wardens, to cause to be provided, the furniture of the Church and its Chancel, and, with the approval of the Rector, arrange the same; and to provide such vestments as the Rector may require; the proper books, and all things necessary and convenient for the due celebration of Divine Service; the bread and wine for the Holy Communion—to collect the alms at the administration of the same, and to keep and disburse such alms, while the Parish is destitute of a Rector or Minister; and, during such destitution of a Rector or Minister, to provide for the due celebration of Divine Service, by procuring the services of other clergymen, or by the use of Lay reading, as circumstances may permit and the Canons of the Church authorize.

It shall also be the duty of the Wardens, if desired by the Rector, to act as his advisers in parochial affairs; to cause the Church, Rectory and other buildings to be kept in good repair; and the Churchyard and other grounds in good order, and to use diligence that no property of the Parish suffer from injury or neglect.

It shall be the duty of the Rector's Warden to preside, in the absence of the Rector, at all meetings of the Vestry, and either Warden shall perform such other duties as the Vestry may assign to him respectively.

Art. 3rd. The representation of Parishes in the Convention.*

No church shall be admitted a member of this Convention, which does not, by its charter or articles of association, expressly accede to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline and worship, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

Each regularly established Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, now a member, or which shall hereafter be admitted a member of the Convention, may send to the Convention a lay deputy or deputies, not exceeding three in number, to be elected by the vestry of the said church: *Provided* that no person shall be competent to serve as deputy, unless he has been a worshipper in the church he represents, six calendar months next before his election.

When two or more churches are united under one vestry, deputies may be sent from each church, subject to the proviso aforesaid.

The deputation from each church shall be entitled to one vote and no more.

No deputation from any church shall be entitled to a vote at the same Convention at which the church shall be admitted as a member.

When any church which has been admitted a member of the Convention of this Diocese, shall, for three years, have made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and, during the same period, shall neither have employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary, the said church shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to this Convention; and it shall be the duty of the Convention to declare the same. But any such church shall again acquire that right if in its application, accompanied by a report of its condition satisfactory on the points herein mentioned, the Convention shall agree thereto; and this right shall take effect from and after the rising of the Convention so agreeing.

Art 4th. Of the evidence of appointment of Lay Deputies to the Convention.†

The appointment of Lay Deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified in writing by a warden, or two vestrymen, of the proper church: and the certificate shall state, that the deputy or each deputy named in it, if the certificate be for more than one, is, and has also been for not less than six months before the time of his election, a worshipper in the church or parish he is deputed to represent. And no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be allowed or received. The certificate shall be in duplicate, and one copy forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention, the other given to the lay deputies.

Art. 5th. *Of the admission of a Church or congregation into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.*‡

Sec. I. To entitle a church or congregation to admission into union with the

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* See Section 4th of the Constitution.

† See Canon 11th of the Constitution.

‡ See Canon 13th of the Constitution.

Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, it shall be required that the vestry submit to the Convention the original articles of association; or if incorporated, their original charter, or a copy thereof, duly authenticated, according to law: and that it shall appear therein, that such church or congregation accedes to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of this Diocese: and it shall appear further, that the said act of association or charter, has been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and by them respectively approved; or if the approbation of either the Bishop or Standing Committee, or both, is withheld, he or they shall report to the Convention, with the articles of association or charter, the reasons of his or their disapprobation.

Sec. II. The Convention shall refer the whole matter and documents of cases of this kind, to a committee of three clerical and three lay members of the same, to be appointed as soon after the organizing of the Convention as conveniently may be, who shall make report thereon to the Convention for its final determination.

Art. 6th. *Election of Wardens and Vestry.**

Art. 7th. *Meetings of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry.*

Meetings of the Vestry may be called by the Rector, or, in his absence, by the Rector's Warden; and the Rector, or, in his absence, the Rector's Warden, shall call meetings at the request of any three members of the Vestry.

Any Vestry may adopt rules or by-laws for their own meetings and government, which do not conflict with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, or with the Articles of this Manual.

Art. 8th. *Of the Election and Institution of Ministers into Parishes or Churches.*†

Sec. I. It is hereby required, that on the election of a minister into any church or parish, the vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:

"We, the Churchwardens (or, *in case of an assistant minister*, We, the Rector and Churchwardens,) do certify to the Rt. Rev. (*naming the Bishop*), or to the Rev. (*naming the President of the Standing Committee*), that (*naming the person*) has been duly chosen Rector (*or*, assistant minister, *as the case may be*) of (*naming the parish or church, or churches.*") Which certificate shall be signed with the names of those who certify.

Sec. 2. And if the clergyman removing to another Diocese, and being called to take charge of a parish or congregation within such diocese, present the testimonial as required by Canon VII. of 1850, it shall be the duty of the ecclesiastical

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* See Sections 5th, 7th and 8th of the form of charter in Article 1st of this Manual: in addition to which, it is recommended, in all cases, when possible, that the Wardens and Vestrymen be communicants.

† See Canon 14th of 1853, General Convention.

authority of the diocese to which he has removed, to accept it, unless the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall have heard rumors that he or they believe to be well founded, against the character of the clergyman concerned which would form a proper ground of canonical inquiry and presentment, in which case the ecclesiastical authority shall communicate the same to the Bishop or Standing Committee of the Diocese to whose jurisdiction the said clergyman belongs; and in such cases, it shall not be the duty of the ecclesiastical authority to accept the testimonial, unless and until the clergyman shall be exculpated from the said charges.

Sec. 3. If the Bishop or the Standing Committee be satisfied that the person so chosen is a qualified minister of this church, the Bishop, or the President of the Standing Committee, shall transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a book, to be kept by him for that purpose.

Sec. 4. But if the Bishop or the Standing Committee be not satisfied as above, he or they shall, at the instance of the parties, proceed to inquire into the sufficiency of the person so chosen, according to such rules as may be made in the respective dioceses, and shall confirm or reject the appointment, as the issue of that inquiry may be.

Sec. 5. And if the minister be a presbyter, the Bishop or President of the Standing Committee may, at the instance of the vestry, proceed to have him instituted, according to the office established by this church, if that office be used in the diocese. But if he be a deacon, the act of institution shall not take place until after he shall have received priest's orders. This provision concerning the use of the office of institution, is not to be considered as applying to any congregation destitute of a house of worship.

Art. 9th. *Of Differences between Ministers and their Congregations.**

In cases of controversy between ministers who now, or may hereafter hold the rectorship of churches or parishes, and the vestry or congregation of such churches or parishes, which controversies are of such a nature as cannot be settled by themselves, the parties, or either of them, shall make application to the Bishop of the Diocese, or in case there be no Bishop, to the Convention of the same. And if it appear to the Bishop and a majority of the presbyters, convened after a summons of the whole belonging to the diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Convention or Standing Committee of the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention, that the controversy has proceeded to such lengths as to preclude all hope of its favorable termination, and that a dissolution of the connection which exists between them is indispensably necessary to restore the peace, and promote the prosperity of the church, the Bishop and his said presbyters, or, if there be no Bishop, the Convention or the Standing Committee of the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention, shall recommend to such ministers to relinquish their titles to their rectorship, on such conditions as may appear reasonable and proper to the Bishop and his said Presbyters, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Convention, or the Standing Committee of

* See Canon 34th of 1832, General Convention.

the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention.—And if such rectors or congregations refuse to comply with such recommendation, the Bishop and his said presbyters, or, if there be no Bishop, the Convention, or the Standing Committee of the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention, with the aid and consent of a Bishop, may, at their discretion, proceed, according to the Canons of the Church, to suspend the former from the exercise of any ministerial duties within the diocese, and prohibit the latter from a seat in the Convention until they retract such refusal, and submit to the terms of the recommendation; and any minister so suspended shall not be permitted, during his suspension, to exercise any ministerial duties. This Canon shall apply also to the cases of assistant ministers and their congregations.

Art. 10th. *Of the Officiating Ministers of this Church, and of the Formation of Parishes within the Parochial Cures of other Clergymen.**

Sec. 1. No minister belonging to this church shall officiate, either by preaching, reading prayers, or otherwise, in the parish or within the parochial cure of another clergyman, unless he have received express permission for that purpose from the minister of the parish or cure, or, in his absence, from the churchwardens, vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation or a majority thereof.

Sec. 2. Where parish boundaries are not defined by law or otherwise, they shall, for the purposes of the foregoing section, be settled and defined by the civil divisions of the State as follows:—1. If a city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or any ward, district, or other subdivision of either of the same, shall contain but one church or congregation, the minister having charge of such church or congregation shall be deemed to have the parochial cure within the same. 2. Any city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or the smallest subdivision of either of the same, in which there are two or more churches or congregations, shall be deemed the parochial cure of the ministers of such churches or congregations, and the assent of a majority of such ministers shall be necessary.

Sec. 3. If any minister of the church, from inability or any other cause, neglect to perform the regular services to his congregation, and refuse, without good cause, his consent to any other minister of the church to officiate within his cure, the churchwardens, vestrymen, or trustees of such congregation shall, on proof of such neglect or refusal before the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, before the Standing Committee, or before such persons as may be deputed by him or them, or before such persons as may be, by the regulations of this church in any diocese, vested with the power of hearing and deciding on complaints against clergymen, have power, with the written consent of the before-mentioned authority, to open the doors of their church to any regular minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Sec. 4. A new parish may be established, or a new church or congregation organized, within the limits of any parish whose limits are prescribed by express

* See Canon 9th of 1853, General Convention.

law, or otherwise, or within the limits of any city, town, village, or incorporated borough, or any civil subdivision of either of the same, in the following manner: —1 Upon the written consent of the minister or rector having charge of a church or congregation within such limits, where there shall be but one church or congregation, with a minister in charge thereof, or of the wardens and vestry of said church or congregation, or a majority thereof, where such church or congregation is without a minister. 2. Where there are more churches or congregations than one, and less than four, within such limits, upon the written consent of a majority of such ministers. 3. And where the number of such churches or congregations shall exceed three, then, upon the written consent of the ministers of the two churches or congregations whose places of public worship shall be nearest to the place proposed as the place of worship of such new parishioners. The written consent in the preceding cases shall be filed with the Secretary of the Standing Committee. 4. In each of the preceding cases the consent, in writing, of the ecclesiastical authority must be given to the establishment of such new parish. 5. If the consent of the minister or ministers aforesaid is denied or withheld, application may be made to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese for the establishment of such new parish, of which application one month's previous notice shall be given to the minister or ministers whose consent is so denied or withheld. The decision of the ecclesiastical authority, if in favor of the application, shall be final; but if otherwise, the case shall be reported to the Convention of the Diocese (with the reasons for withholding an assent) for the final action of that body.

Art. 11th. *Of the Dissolution of all Pastoral Connection between Ministers and their Congregations.**

Sec. 1. When any minister has been regularly instituted or settled in a parish or church, he shall not be dismissed without the concurrence of the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese; and in case of his dismission without such concurrence the vestry or congregation of such parish or church shall have no right to a representation in the Convention of the Diocese, until they have made such satisfaction as the Convention may require. Nor shall any minister leave his congregation against their will, without the concurrence of the ecclesiastical authority aforesaid; and if he shall leave them without such concurrence, he shall not be allowed to take a seat in any Convention of this Church, or be eligible into any church or parish, until he shall have made such satisfaction as the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese may require.

Sec. 2. In case of the regular and canonical dissolution of the connection between a minister and his congregation, the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the same. But if the dissolution of the connection between any minister and his congregation be not regular or canonical, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall lay

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* See Canon 33, of 1832, General Convention.

the same before the Convention of the Diocese, in order that the above mentioned penalties may take effect.

This Canon shall not be obligatory upon those dioceses with whose usages, laws, or charters, it interferes.

Art. 12th. *Of the Officiating of Persons not Ministers of this Church.**

No person shall be permitted to officiate in any congregation of this church, without first producing the evidences of his being a minister thereof, to the minister, or, in case of vacancy or absence, to the churchwardens, vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation.

Art. 13th. *Of Removal of Communicants from one Parish to another.*†

A communicant removing from one parish to another shall procure from the rector (if any) of the parish of his last residence, or if there be no rector, from one of the wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a communicant in good standing, and the rector of the parish or congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant until such letter be produced.

Art. 14th. *Of Episcopal Visitations.*‡

Sec. 1. Every Bishop in this church shall visit the churches within his Diocese, for the purpose of examining the state of his church, inspecting the behavior of his clergy, ministering the Word, and, if he think fit, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to the people committed to his charge, and administering the apostolic Rite of Confirmation. And it is deemed proper that such visitation be made once in three years, at least, by every Bishop to every church within his diocese, which shall make provision for defraying the necessary expenses of the Bishop at such visitation. And it is hereby declared to be the duty of the minister and vestry of every church or congregation to make such provision accordingly.

Sec. 2. But it is to be understood that to enable the Bishop to make the aforesaid visitation, it shall be the duty of the clergy in such reasonable rotation as may be devised, to officiate for him in any parochial duties which may belong to him.

Art. 15th. *On the use and control of Churches and Chapels.*

No church or chapel in this diocese shall be used for any other purpose than Divine worship, as established by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or for the meetings therein, of the Convention of this Diocese, or of the General Convention.

Art. 16th. *Of vacant Parishes.*§

Sec. 6. No clergyman shall officiate transiently in a vacant parish, or in one

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* See Canon 36, of 1832, General Convention.

† See Canon 13th, of 1853, General Convention.

‡ See Canon 4th, of 1850, General Convention.

§ See Canon 7th, Section 6th of 1850, General Convention, and the 7th "Revised Regulation" of the Constitution.

the rector or minister of which is sick or absent, unless the wardens or vestry are satisfied he is at the time a clergyman in good and regular standing. When from another diocese, letters commendatory from the ecclesiastical authority thereof may be required.

It is earnestly recommended, that in every instance where a church is unprovided with a pastor, a standing subscription shall be prepared, which, with the pew rents, after defraying necessary repairs, shall be set apart as a fund for the support of a pastor, when duly elected and settled; and the profits and rents of glebes, so far as is consistent with the will of the donors, shall be applied in like manner, the capital and accumulating interest to be invested from time to time in public or good land securities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH A. STONE,
HENRY W. DUCACHET,
GEORGE M. WHARTON, } *Committee.*

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Stevens, Mr. James M. Aertsen was duly elected Treasurer of this Convention in the place of Mr. Robins, resigned.

The Rev. Dr. Stevens offered the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That Moses Kempton, William H. Newbold, John Welsh, and Thomas Robins, be and they are hereby appointed Trustees of the Christmas Fund for sick and disabled clergymen.

Resolved, That the travelling expenses of the Bishop upon Episcopal visitations for the current year be paid out of the Convention Fund.

Resolved, That the sum of $350 be and the same is hereby appropriated towards paying the travelling expenses of clergymen, delegates to the Convention, whose parishes have contributed to the fund the current year, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same, *pro rata*, according to their actual expenses.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, on the 3d Tuesday of May, 1854, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Judge Stroud, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention shall report to the Convention at its first meeting annually, the subjects of unfinished business of the preceding year.

The Secretary called the attention of the Convention to the IVth Canon, with regard to the Convention Fund, whereupon the roll of the clergy having charge of parish-

es was called, in obedience to the said Canon, upon which the following clergymen replied that they had made the collections required :—

Rev. Henry H. Bean,
" Archibald Beatty,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.,
" Henry Brown,
" Edward Y. Buchanan,
" Samuel A. Clark,
" Jehu C. Clay, D. D.,
" Samuel Clements,
" Charles D. Cooper,
" Nathaniel E. Cornwall,
" Thomas Crumpton,
" Benjamin J. Douglass,
" George C. Drake,
" Richard B. Duane,
" Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.,
" George A. Durborow,
" Joseph J. Elsegood,
" George C. Field,
" G. C. Foote,
" B. Franklin,
" Kingston Goddard,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.,
" Marmaduke Hirst,
" M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D.,
" Wm. S. Huckel,
" George Kirke,
" Edmund Leaf,
" Milton C. Lightner,
" John Long,
" A. Augustus Marple,
" Edward Mendenhall,
" G. D. Miles,
" George Mintzer,
" Henry E. Montgomery,
" Wm. White Montgomery,
" Henry J. Morton, D. D.,
" Sylvester Nash,
" G. W. Natt,
" Richard Newton, D. D.,
" Wm. H. Odenheimer,
" Frederick Ogilby,
" Wm. H. Paddock,
" R. O. Page,
" Wm. S. Perkins,
" Geo. Lewis Platt,
" Azariah Prior,
" Charles W. Quick,
" Samuel Randall,
" John Rodney,
" Joshua M. Rodgers,
" Joel Rudderow,
" Peter Russell,
" Gardner M. Skinner,
" Joseph H. Smith,
" Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D.,
" Joseph A. Stone,
" Joseph P. Taylor,
" Richard Temple,
" C. West Thomson,
" Anthony Ten Brœck,
" Henry Tullidge,
" Alexander Varian,
" George H. Walsh,
" Daniel Washburn,
" W. E. Webb,
" F. S. Wiley,
" J. P. B. Wilmer,
" Thomas C. Yarnall.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Montgomery, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Directors of the Athenæum and the Academy of the Fine Arts, for their kind invitation to visit their respective Institutions.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Odenheimer, it was

Resolved, That 750 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed for the use of the house, and that the Secretary be authorized, in transmitting the Journals, to draw on the Treasurer for the postage.

The Rev. Dr. Newton offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That Canon VII. page 24, line 1st, 1851, be altered by introducing, after the words—"At every Stated Convention," the words—*next before the meeting of the General Convention*; and also, that Canon XV. be altered, by introducing in the third line, after the words—"this Diocese," the words—*next before the meeting of the General Convention*; and, by striking out the word "next," in fourth line of said Canon, and introducing after the words "Stated Convention," the words—*next before the meeting of the General Convention.*

The consideration of these resolutions was postponed to the next Convention.

On motion of Mr. G. M. Wharton, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report at the next Convention for its consideration, an order of business for the government of the Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Hare, Mr. G. M. Wharton, and Mr. Lex.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Paddock, it was

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Andrew's Church, for the use of the same during the session of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hare, it was

Resolved, That the Fourth Revised Regulation be referred to a Committee to report thereon at the next Convention.

Rev. Dr. Hare, Rev. Dr. Ducachet, and Mr. J. S. Smith, were appointed the Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

Resolved, That after reading the rough minutes, and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die.*

The rough minutes were then read and approved, when after singing the 107th selection of Psalms, and an address and prayers by the Bishop,

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

The Lord has graciously and wonderfully sustained and blessed me in my missionary efforts, &c., during another Conventional year.

Up to this date, in preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 223 occasions. I have officiated or assisted in the services of the Church, when I have not lectured or preached, on 6 occasions. I have administered or assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper on 13 occasions. I have baptized 47 persons. I have married 41 couples. I have officiated on 46 funeral occasions.

During the year up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 754—of that number 747 to the sick and afflicted; also, I have conversed and prayed with individuals in my house on 81 occasions.

I have distributed a few Bibles, New Testaments and Prayer Books, and 35,920 pages of Tracts, in which is included 17,124 pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth," &c. I have also been instrumental in circulating 7,415 practical and experimental publications and parts of religious periodicals at a low price or gratuitously.

My monthly appointments at the Widow's Asylum, also my weekly appointments in the Magdalen Asylum, and at my own house, are continued. On other occasions I have officiated, during the week and on the Lord's day, in the city and county of Philadelphia, or in other places more or less remote, as the Lord in his providence has directed. I have generally been enabled to preach or lecture four or five times each week.

My poor's purse, &c., has been the means of imparting relief on many occasions during the year to the poor and afflicted.

Report of the Rev. Charles Arey, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Erie County.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 14, total 15; confirmed 14; communicants, removed 9, died 2, added 19, present number 88; holy communion administered monthly and on the greater festivals; Sunday school teachers 12; scholars about 70; marriages 11; burials 13; contributions, Advancement Society $21 53, Church building $27 43.

The growth of the parish is seriously impeded from having no corporate existence in law. Of this most are now so well persuaded that we hope to effect a change for the better during the coming year. One of the evils of our present condition is, that it effectually prevents, in a way which parishioners at least can understand, much being done for missions. Hence the small amount above reported for missionary objects.

Report of Lewis R. Ashhurst and Frederick W. Porter, Wardens of the Church of the Epiphany, Piladelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1854.

Congregation, families 300, adults 800, children 600, total 1400; baptisms, adults 6, infants 38, total 44; confirmed 24; communicants, added 23, died or removed 30, present number 504; marriages 14; burials 28; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 63, total 163; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 26, pupils 278, female 1, teachers 32, pupils 382, total, schools 2, teachers 58, pupils 660; Bible classes 3, members 76 (included above); collections, Episcopal Fund $150, Convention $80, Missionary and other purposes $8683 98.

Our congregation has been called, during the year past, to endure a deep affliction and most heavy loss in the sickness and death of our late beloved Rector.

The Parish since September last, and up to this date, has been under the charge of the Rev. George H. Walsh, assistant to the Rector.

Report of the Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Congregation, families holding pews 40; baptisms, adults 2, infants 9, total 11; confirmed 8; communicants, added 14, died or removed 11, suspended 2, present number 72; marriages 9; burials 8; public services 149; children catechized 11 times; Sunday school, male teachers 5, female 7, male scholars 35, female 60, total, teachers 12, scholars 95; collections $388.

The Parish owns a Rectory. There is a mortgage for $333 on the church building which cannot be liquidated during the lifetime of the party holding it. Rector's salary $600, all paid.

The pupils attached to several Boarding Schools attend the services of this church.

The Rector has also held occasional services at other places in the County destitute of stated ministrations.

Report of the Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 5, total 6; confirmed 7; communicants, added 8, died or removed 2, present number 66; marriages 7; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 28, total 130; children catechized 8 times; schools 2, teachers 7, pupils 60; collections, Episcopal Fund $22 21, Convention Fund $13 75, Missionary and other purposes $2861, total $2896 96.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the Parish, a lot for a parsonage; amount of indebtedness of the church of the Parish none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $800; arrears of salary none.

The temporal condition of the parish has been much improved since the last report. A lot of ground, beautifully and eligibly situated, has been purchased, on which to erect a parsonage. The cost of the lot was $1600, which has all been paid, and a deed obtained. One thousand dollars had been raised for that object before the present Rector took charge of the Parish. During the past winter a further effort was made by the ladies of the congregation, and by their laudable and praiseworthy exertions, and by contributions and subscriptions, the sum of $2000 has been secured. A beautiful plan has been drawn and presented to the church by the accomplished architect, S. D. Button, Esq., of Philadelphia. It is intended to make a contract and commence the work of erecting the building as soon as we may find it practicable.

Of the spiritual condition of the church a less favorable report must be given. There are some who are ardent, faithful and zealous in their Master's service; but too many exhibit a sad indifference to moral and religious obligation, and especially to the paramount claims of Christ and the Church. The Sunday school languishes for want of teachers, and a low appreciation is apparently formed for the weekly service and the ordinary means of grace.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, 23rd Ward, Philadelphia, and of Christ Chapel, Oak Grove, Bucks County, Pa.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 6, total 13; confirmed 8; communicants, added 7, died 1, removed 2, present number between 50 and 60; Sunday schools 2, one at All Saints', one at the Chapel; public

services, on Sunday, every morning at All Saints', every afternoon at the Chapel; I have also held services during the winter at the houses of some of my parishioners; they were well attended; the experience, not only of last winter but of many years, has satisfied me of the usefulness of such pastoral labors.

Collections at All Saints', subscriptions for building a new church $5,600, Missions, Domestic $26 18, Foreign $21 06, Indian Mission $8 70, Advancement Society $5, Diocesan Missionary Society $5, Bishop Kemper's Missions $23, Episcopal Hospital, May 15 $6 73, and September 4th $17 15, total for Hospital $23 88; Fund for Disabled Clergymen $30 91, Episcopal Fund $5, for Sunday school library $9 59, Female Tract Society $6 84, Sunday school library $6, total at All Saints' $5766 16.

Collections at Oak Grove at the Chapel, for current expenses each Sunday, total $51 31; Jan. 1, for Sunday school $1 29, for same object, May 7, $1 96; total collections at Chapel $54 56.

In my last report I mentioned that the Vestry intended to improve our venerable church. It has since been judged expedient to erect a new church. My salary is $800, and it could not be more promptly paid.

Report of the Rev. A. Beatty, Rector of the Parish of Trinity Church, Carbondale, Luzerne County.

Congregation, families 43, adults 95, children 40, total 135; baptisms, infants 2; confirmed 2; communicants, added 6, present number 41; marriages 1; burials 2; public services, in the church of the Parish on Sundays 58, other days 14; preached out of the Parish at Convocations, &c., 5 times; making in all 79 sermons, besides 8 extempore addresses.

Sunday schools 1, teachers 12, pupils 50; Bible classes, male 1, pupils 15 (held on Sunday morning before service), female 1, pupils 12 (held on Sunday afternoon), total, Bible classes 2, pupils 27; in addition to these classes which are taught by myself, I meet with the Sunday school teachers every Friday evening, to consider the lesson for the ensuing Sunday.

Collections, Episcopal Fund $5, Convention Fund $5, Bishop White Prayer Book Society $10, Female Prayer Book Society $4, Diocesan Missionary Society $10, Communion alms $21, Bible class library $13, Missionary collection in Sunday school $5 58, Parish purposes $84 56, total $158 41.

This Parish owns no other property than the church building and lot; on the latter there is a long standing debt, now amounting with

interest to $314. The amount of salary which the clergyman is entitled to receive is $600 per annum; the same is punctually paid.

The above report only embraces the statistics of this Parish since October the 30th, 1853, at which time I became its Rector. Previous to that period the Parish was vacant for nearly two years. It had lost by removal some of its most active and efficient families; the love of others had grown cold, and the hearts of those who remained faithful to our Scriptural and beloved Church were greatly discouraged. Under these circumstances I entered upon my labors here, and they have been blessed far beyond any expectations of mine. Our pews are all rented. A Missionary Society has been organized in the Parish which supersedes the old plan of taking up special collections, and a very creditable sum has been subscribed. The ladies have formed "a Sewing Circle," having for its object the erection of a parsonage, and are actively engaged in their "labor of love." For our temporal prosperity we have much cause to be thankful. Our spiritual condition is far below the standard which our hearts earnestly desire to attain.

Report of the Rev. James Bonnar, B. D.

The undersigned respectfully reports that, since the date of his last report he has continued in the regular discharge of his duties as one of the Masters in the Academy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of Philadelphia; that, since the first of July, A. D. 1853, he has assisted in celebrating, or has himself celebrated, Divine Service every day; and that he has baptized four children (sick), not otherwise reported.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, infants 31; communicants, added 12, died or removed 22, present number 145; marriages 10; burials 18; services, on Sundays 104, other days 37, total 141; Sunday school teachers 13, pupils 130; Bible classes 2; arrangements have just been made for the weekly catechizing of the children; collections, Episcopal Fund $26 30, Christmas Fund $45, Convention Fund $27, Society for Advancement of Christianity $25; the monthly offerings amounting to $93 27, are distributed between the Society for the Advancement of Christianity and the Domestic and Foreign branches of our missions; total $216 67.

The Rector's salary $1100, is promptly and punctually paid; there is no debt upon the church, or so small as not to be worth naming.

The Parish schools continue in successful operation. They contain now about 140 pupils, under seven teachers and assistant teachers. The "Orphan Asylum" and the humble "Home" provided for a few aged and infirm people continue their useful and charitable work. On Thanksgiving Day about $300 in money, provisions and clothing, were sent in for their use by our benevolent citizens.

The Free Church of St. John, the corner-stone of which was laid April 17, 1853, has been so far completed that we were able to hold service in it on Easter day of this year. The Rector of St. James' is for the present also Rector of St. John's, assisted by the Rev. H. A. Coit, who also conducts the Classical department of our Church schools. The convictions in which this Church originated have been strengthened and confirmed by time. Everything is yet in the feebleness of infancy; but the enterprise starts under promising auspices, and we humbly hope that God may bless it with a long career of extensive usefulness. The nave being unfinished we make use of the basement. At no distant day we hope to see it finished, cleared of debt, and prepared for consecration. The Sunday school, under the Rev. Mr. Coit, continues in active and successful operation.

On the 22d of January, Messrs. Henry A. Coit, Daniel Kendig and John Williamson—all at that time employed in teaching in our parochial schools—were admitted by the Bishop of the Diocese to the Holy Order of Deacons—the last-named gentleman having been confirmed on the preceding evening. Mr. Coit remains officially connected with the schools and St. John's Church. The other gentlemen have sought other fields of labor.

Report of the Rev. Henry Brown, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion, Montgomery County, and St. David's Church, Radnor, Delaware County.

Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion.

Congregation, families 25, adults 86, children 40, total 126; communicants 25; public services, Sundays 52, other days 9, total 61; Sunday schools 1; scholars 30, teachers 4, total 34; baptisms, adults 1, infants 2, total 3.

We commenced worshipping in our new church on the first Sunday in July last, since which time our congregation has gradually increased. The pews are nearly all taken, and we are not without manifest tokens of the Divine blessing. There is still a debt (how much I am not able accurately to state, but over a thousand dollars,) resting upon the church; we hope to be able to liquidate it, at least in part, during the coming summer. The salary $300, is all paid.

St. David's Church, Radnor.

Congregation, families 60, adults 175, children 86, total 261; baptisms, infants 11; communicants 50; marriages 6; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 5, total 57; Sunday schools 1; scholars 40, teachers 5, total 45; collections, for Missions $15, Convention Fund $3, Parish purposes $125.

This church is not in debt. The clergyman is entitled to receive $450; no arrearages.

Report of the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, Rector of All Saints' Church, Paradise, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster County.

All Saints' Church, Paradise.

Congregation, families 36; total of individuals about 180; baptisms, adults 3, infants 28, total 31; confirmed none, the Episcopal visit having been postponed; communicants, added 4, died or removed 9, present number 45; marriages 3; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 50, other days 15, total 65; children catechized, a large part of those of the Sunday school, times frequently; Sunday schools 2; teachers 16, pupils 150; collections, Episcopal Fund $7, Convention Fund $5 50, Soc. Adv. of Christianity $15, Missionary purposes $17 87, other purposes $26 20, total $141 57.

Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish $141 78; to meet a considerable part of which there are uncollected pew rents and subscriptions. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $300; amount received $275; arrears of salary none.

During the past year this Parish has sustained great and discouraging losses, both as to families and communicants, by removals. One of the two Sunday schools reported above was a flourishing one of about 6 teachers and 50 pupils, which was carried on through the most of the year in the town of Strasburg, where, also, I had service every few Sundays. This school, however, will now scarcely be resumed, as two of the principal ladies engaged in it have removed from Strasburg.

It will be perceived that the amount of our indebtedness has been considerably reduced within the year. This has been done by the sale of burial lots in the church-yard.

Christ Church, Leacock.

Families 37; individuals about 150; baptisms 3, infants 2; confirmed none, on account of the postponement of the Episcopal visit; communicants 38; marriages 3; burials 4; public services, on Sundays

26, other days 8, total 34; Sunday school 1; teachers 7, pupils 38 (a large part of these pupils are regularly catechized); collections, Convention Fund $5, Christmas Fund $5, Missions $7 64, other purposes $25 66, total $43 30.

Property, other &c., none; amount of indebtedness nothing. Salary $115; arrears none.

This church continues to be in a more encouraging state than it was a few years back. The attendance on public worship, in particular, is greatly better than formerly.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, D. D.

During the last ecclesiastical year he has preached fifty-seven times, has attended about ten funerals, and has performed the marriage service on two occasions.

St. Mary's, St. Andrew's and St. Mark's Churches are without a pastor. The two first-mentioned churches expect to be supplied shortly.

Report of Thomas K. Bull, Warden of St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's, Chester County.

Congregation, families 40; adults 100, children 50, total 150; communicants, added 3, died or removed 4, present number 48; burials 12; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 70.

Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish $125, which amount arrangements are made for cancelling; in a short time it will be paid in full. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $200.

As this Parish has been without a Rector during the past year, (except for three months, viz: from July to October, when the Rev. A. Beatty had charge thereof,) the congregation is much indebted to their former Pastor, the venerable and beloved Dr. Bull, who, kindly in response to their call, has frequently ministered to them in Holy things. Associated, as we are, with St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and like the people thereof, deprived for a time of the regular services of the sanctuary, we fondly cherish the hope that the day is not distant when both Churches will be supplied.

Feeble as rural parishes mostly are, it can be said of few of them that they give as much as they can toward the support of the ministry of the Gospel and the Institutions of the Church. Aware of our past deficiency in this respect, and of the absolute necessity of making more ample provision for the support of the clergy and their families, not that they may live in ease but in comfort, we have felt it to be our duty to vote an increase of salary to our future Rector. This proposi-

tion was submitted on our part to the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, and has been by them kindly and promptly met; henceforth, then, we trust that the imputation will not lie against us that we give grudgingly.

Report of the Rev. DeWitt C. Byllesby, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Susquehanna County, and of St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford County.

St. Paul's Church, Montrose.

Congregation, families and parts of families 33; adults 70, children 23, total 93; baptisms, infants 4; confirmed 1; communicants, added 3, removed 2, present number 27; marriages 4; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 60, other days 51, total 111; children catechized 18, times 14; collections, Convention Fund $4, Diocesan Missionary Society $15, Foreign Missions $10, Episcopal Society for the West $10, Christmas Fund $4, Convocation Fund $10, Church building $10, other purposes $38 06, total $101 06.

Statistics of the Parish property, other than the Church building and lot, owned by the Parish, a parsonage and garden; indebtedness of the Parish none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $200, and the use of the parsonage; salary paid half-quarterly in advance.

The foregoing report extends from the first of August last, at which time the present Rector assumed the charge. The Parish had then been vacant for nearly 18 months, and consequently was in a languishing state. Since the re-establishment of services it has revived, and the prospects are now encouraging.

St. Matthew's Church, Pike.

Congregation, families and parts of families 30; adults 50, children 30, total 80; baptisms, adults 3; confirmed 5; communicants, added 5, died or removed 3, present number 30; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 36, other days 16, total 52; Sunday school 1; pupils 30; collections, Convention Fund $2, other purposes $15, total $17.

Property, other than Church building and lot owned by the Parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $125; arrears $40.

This Parish at the time the present incumbent took charge had been vacant for almost two years, and was in a decaying condition. Death and removal had thinned out its number of communicants, and the

prospect was discouraging. But it now exhibits more signs of life, and could it have the benefit of a resident Clergyman and regular services, there is but little doubt that a flourishing Parish might be raised. In addition to the above services I have officiated at Cherry, Sullivan County, once, and baptized two infants; and also held frequent service at Springville, Susquehanna County, during its recent vacancy.

Report of Rev. John A. Childs.

Baptisms, infants 51; marriages 2; funerals 5; public services, prayers 162, sermons 47.

Up to April 1st I was engaged as Assistant at Emanuel Church, Kensington, and since that at St. Luke's, Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. A. Christman, Pottstown, Montgomery County.

The above named, from the time of last Convention until February, 1854, continued in charge of his former school at Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, and also to officiate at St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill. He then removed to Pottstown, where he has ever since been engaged in teaching a small select school, and also in assisting the Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ Church in that place, St. Gabriel's, Morlattin, (Douglassville,) and St. Michael's, Birdsboro'. He has either by himself celebrated, or with others assisted in celebrating, Divine service some 100 times, assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion once, married one couple, baptized one child, and buried three adults.

Report of the Rev. Samuel A. Clark, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1, 1854.

Baptisms, adults 12, infants 18, total 30; confirmed 16; communicants, added 31, died or removed 13, present number 207; marriages 14; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 105, other days 25, total 130; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 16, pupils 90, female 1, teachers 19, pupils 168, infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 127, total schools 3, teachers 37, pupils 385; Bible classes 2, pupils 30; collections, Episcopal Fund $33 65, Convention Fund $33 65, Foreign Missions $119 50, Domestic Missions $101 66, Diocesan Missions $253 73, American Sunday School Union $156, other purposes $2368 65, total $3266 88; Church debt, ground rent $5333 33, mortgage $4000, total $9333 33; salary $1500, paid punctually.

Report of the Rev. William H. Clark, Locust Grove, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. William H. Clark respectfully reports, that he came to this Diocese in September last, to co-operate with several gentlemen of Pittsburgh, in the establishment of a Church School for Young Ladies.

"Locust Grove Seminary," as the Institution is called, opened on the 28th of October, 1853, with 20 pupils, which number has already increased to 44, of whom 39 are now regular attendants.

As Rector of a school, his chief thought and effort have been devoted to the furtherance of its prosperity, at the same time he has been able to render assistance to the Rector of Trinity Church, or other clerical brethren, besides occasional services in a school-house at Lawrenceville. He has read the whole morning or evening service 21 times; a part of said service 53 times; assisted 12 times in the Holy Communion; baptized one infant, (reported by Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh,) and preached 22 sermons.

Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, Rector of Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia county.

Congregation, families about 150; Baptisms, adults 3, children 111, total 114; confirmed 7; communicants, added 16, died or removed 17, present number 154; marriages 113; burials 71; public services on Sundays 112, other days 50, total 162; children catechized monthly, in the Church, except the three summer months.—Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 100; female 1, teachers 14, pupils 174; total, schools 2, teachers 23, pupils 274; collections, Episcopal fund $10, Convention fund $10, Society Advancement of Christianity $30, missionary and other purposes $261 65.

Statistics of Parish, same as reported in 1853, except a further reduction of the debt of the Church, being now about $1400.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Clements, Rector of Trinity Church, Washington, Washington county.

Congregations, families or parts of families 24, adults 43, children 45, total 88; baptisms, infants 3; communicants, added 2, removed 1, present number 18; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 72, other days 17, total 89; children catechized monthly; Sunday school, teachers, male 5, female 4, total 9; scholars, male 23, female 21, total 44; collections, Foreign Missions $16, Domestic Missions $8, Diocesan Missions $8 50, Convention Fund $5,

American Sunday School Union $2 50, Sunday school and other parochial purposes $59, Church debt $186, total $285. The collections of the Sunday schools are here included. Present indebtedness of the Parish $150. The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive is not stated, but depends upon the subscription list; with the missionary appropriation amounts to about $400.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

Baptisms, infants 10; confirmed 4; marriage 1; burials 7; communicants, added 8, died 1, total 65; collections, for Episcopal fund $5, Convention fund $5, Ladies' Tract Society $5, Missions $12 27, Sunday school and other objects $117, total $144 27. Service regularly on Sundays and prominent Holy days. Catechizing a frequent exercise and filial and parental duties often enjoined.

There are 80 attending Sunday school pupils, under 12 teachers, and the particular superintendence of the rector. Salary punctually paid, and parishioners generally thoughtful and kind. The Church has undergone some essential improvements. The parish is believed to be substantially improving.

Report of the Rev. H. A. Coit.

The undersigned, since the date of his admission to the Diaconate, (January 22, 1854,) has been acting as assistant to the Rev. Dr. Bowman, in St. John's Free Church. He has had superintendence of the Free Church Sunday school, which numbers 100 scholars; (about 80 in regular attendance,) and 12 teachers. He also has charge of a boy's school in connection with St. James' Parish.

Report of the Rev. J. Coleman, of Trinity Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, about as last reported; baptisms, adults 1, infants 37, total 38; confirmed 9; communicants, last reported 330, added 16, died 8, removed 20, present number 318; marriages 30; burials 21; public services, on Sundays 115, other days 43, total 158; children catechized monthly, "openly in the Church;" Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 14, pupils 130; female 2, teachers 25, total 240; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity $50, Church Hospital $153 75, Episcopal and Convention Funds $51 90, General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union $30, Bishop White and Female Prayer Book Societies, and Female Tract Society $78 77,

Missionary and other purposes, (of which $336 35 were contributed by the Sunday schools) $1109 93, total 1474 35.

Report of the Rev. William C. Cooley, Rector of the Church of our Saviour.

The undersigned would report that since the 12th of June last, at which time he commenced his labors as Missionary in the districts of Moyamensing and Southwark, he has organized the Church of our Saviour, with the view of building a Church at Eighth and Reed sts., upon a lot generously given for this purpose by a pious member of the Church, now no more. The sum of $400 has been raised to liquidate a debt resting upon the Sunday school room, which is used as our temporary house of worship. The Ladies of the various Churches in the city, have come generously forward at my instance and by their zealous and untiring efforts, raised at a Fair the noble sum of $2000 for the *Church of our Saviour*. I have a Sunday school of over 200 scholars, which is steadily increasing in numbers and interest under an experienced and able superintendent with a body of teachers mostly communicants. I have baptized 80 persons, 77 infants, 2 children and 3 adults; solemnized 14 marriages; attended 20 funerals, and 13 persons were confirmed on Easter day by the Bishop. The number of communicants cannot be ascertained with accuracy. I have, as missionary, visited some 200 families in the field of my mission, and have in the course of this visitation become thoroughly satisfied that the one great desideratum in this field is a church. The building in which we hold our Sunday school and, also, our Parochial school, (which now consists of some 48 scholars,) is by no means suited to Divine Service, except as a temporary expedient; and unless a church be built here, and built at once, the mission will fail. The mass to whom we would fain preach the Gospel can never be reached until we provide a place where they may be gathered in.

Report of the Rev. William H. Cooper.

I beg to report that in June last I took charge of the parish of Tamaqua, with Tuscarora annexed, which I resigned in October, on the invitation of the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions to undertake a mission to Rio Janeiro. Having been mercifully brought back to New York, in consequence of the loss of the steamship "San Francisco," in which I had taken passage, I have been lately visiting the churches in the South and West on the subject of missions to South America. At my request the Foreign Committee have granted me a respite from service of six months; during which period I trust

that, with the blessing of God, my shattered health, and that of other members of my family, may be re-established.

Report of the Rev. Charles D. Cooper, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 250; baptisms, adults 8, infants 20, total 28; confirmed 24, 4 from other Churches, total 28; communicants, added 46, died or removed 38, present number 325; marriages 16; burials 21; public services, on Sundays and other days 211; Sunday schools 4, teachers and pupils 425; Bible classes 2, members 55; collections, Episcopal Fund $100, Convention Fund $150, Missionary and other purposes $2850, total $3100.

Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, ground rent, $720; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $2000; no arrears.

Report of the Rev. N. E. Cornwall, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh.

Congregation, families 80, adults 230, children 110, total 340; baptisms, adults 1, infants 8, total 9; confirmed 10; communicants, added 46, died or removed 7, present number 118; marriages 3; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 109, other days 62, total 171; children catechized, times 10; Sunday schools, male teachers 5, pupils 35, female, teachers 8, pupils 65, total, school 1, teachers 13, pupils 100; Bible class 1, members 12; collections, Episcopal Fund $21, Convention Fund $14, Missionary and other purposes $775, total $810.

Property, other than the Church building and lot, owned by the Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish about two thousand dollars; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive fifteen hundred dollars; arrears of salary none.

When I commenced my labors in this Parish, about the middle of April, 1853, I found, of the large number of families and communicants reported from it for several years previous, only a remnant of fifty families, including, with a few single persons, about eighty communicants. These numbers were soon increased by the return of seven families and thirteen communicants formerly connected with the Parish; and during the year ending at this time a farther accession has been received of twenty-four new families and thirty-three communicants.

The Parish has also manifested other signs of substantial vigor and healthy activity. Its contributions to benevolent purposes under the auspices of our own Church, together with one of forty dollars to a lo-

eal Society for the distribution of Bibles, amount to $810. The sum raised for the expenses of the year, including $560 paid to the late Rector and Sexton, and $350 paid for gas-fixtures and ordinary repairs, is about $3200. This aggregate expenditure of $4000 exhibits the unusual average of more than $33 to each communicant, and $50 to each family, in a parish consisting of all classes of the population, and is a commendable evidence of zeal for the support of religion at home and its extension abroad.

Several items of the old debt of the Parish have also been cancelled during the past year, to the amount of $3500, and the larger part of the remainder virtually liquidated by pledges of the holders of claims to the amount of $1400. An actual balance, however, of $800 still remains in force against the Parish; and the sum of $951 will become due in April, 1855, on a bond given by two gentlemen of the congregation for the purchase of several pews in the Church, with the understanding that the whole amount received by the owners should be applied to the support of another Episcopal parish.

According to these statistics, the sum applied to benevolent purposes and the extinguishment of debt is $4870, and the present indebtedness about $2000.

It is especially pleasant to add, that in the spiritual state of the Parish we have had much cause for thankfulness, from month to month, and from week to week.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Allegheny.

Baptisms, infants 26; confirmed 6; communicants, added 13, died or removed 10, present number 75; marriages 8; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 51, total 153; Sunday school 1, male teachers 5, female teachers 6, total teachers 11; male pupils 25, female pupils 40, total pupils 65; collections, Convention Fund $8 50. Statistics of the Parish same as reported to Convention of 1853.

In addition to the foregoing I have officiated twice every Sunday since January 1st, in the Western Penitentiary, and on week days visited and instructed the prisoners there confined from cell to cell.

I would here take the opportunity to correct my last report as printed in the Journal of 1853. Instead of 4 adults baptized, it should read—Baptisms, adults 4, infants 24, total 28.

Report of the Rev. Thomas J. Davis, Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants 11; communicants 16; marriages 5; burials 7.

The condition of this infant Parish has been much improved since the last Convention. In its infancy, as compared with its present prosperous state, is verified the blessed Saviour's comparison of the kingdom of God to a little leaven, and likewise to a grain of mustard seed. At first the undertaking seemed to be beneath the notice of all, except those who had faith, as a grain of mustard seed, to remove mountains. It was attended only by a few who, though poor, were rich in faith. But the time has already come for it to be respected by all; and it is now viewed by the whole community, as one of the most worthy and successful undertakings.

Report of the Rev. William N. Diehl.

The undersigned respectfully reports the following services and collection in St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 3; public services on Sundays 16; burials 1; collection for New Orleans sufferers $50.

On the 1st Sunday in September, the Rev. George C. Foote, the Rector-elect, took charge of the parish. Besides the above services, he reports the following performed in the place and vicinity of his residence, Germantown: Burials 7; marriage 1. He has officiated by reading service and preaching, when called upon by his clerical brethren and vestries of vacant congregations. His engagement with the parish of St. Luke's, Germantown, ceased on the 1st of April, 1853. He makes the following statement, as a matter of history, which may be interesting to the members of the parish of St. Thomas', at a future period, when those have passed away who are now familiar with the facts. The parish, when he took charge of it, was in an exceedingly feeble condition; the number of adult worshippers averaging about 18; the number of communicants 2. At first, service was performed once a month, (the rector officiating, statedly, in three other parishes) and additional services were added, from time to time, until finally the parish required a weekly service. By reference to his record he finds that from March, 1836, to June, 1840, he performed service once a month; from June, 1840, to December, 1844, twice a month; from December, 1844, to September, 1853, every Sunday morning and principal holiday.

The number of communicants gradually increased, as will appear from the following statement:

Original number of communicants 2, added from 1836 to 1840 9, from 1840 to 1844 12, from 1844 to 1853 49, total 72; died or removed 20, present number 52.

Through the active exertions of one of the members of the congre-

gation, Henry M. Sheaff, now, we trust, in paradise, various improvements were made in and about the church. By his efforts mainly, which were untiring, a tower and spire were erected; a bell and an organ procured; sheds were built; a new roof was placed upon the church; the church painted and carpeted, and the chancel appropriately furnished; the graveyard put in order, and the grounds around the church adorned with trees, many of which were planted by his own hands. He superintended the Sunday school and the choir, and took a lively interest in every person and thing connected with the church. When called to enter into rest, he was actively engaged in collecting funds for a parsonage, and had succeeded with the aid of other members of his family, in obtaining about $2000. "He being dead, yet speaketh," and we trust and hope that those of the congregation who were witnesses of his good works, will glorify God by showing the same zeal and love for the church which animated his breast.

In closing this report the prayer is uttered fervently for the growth and prosperity of St. Thomas'; and may it be the privilege of him who has served her children for the past 17 years, in much weakness and with many infirmities of spirit, to share with them in that rest which "remaineth for the people of God."

Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants 14; confirmed 3; communicants, died or removed 4, present number about 40; marriages 7; burials 5; public services on Sundays 100, other days above 30; families about 40.

In the providence of God Benjamin W. Frazier, the benevolent churchman who engaged to convey a lot to Zion Church, died intestate leaving minor children. During his life he did not execute a conveyance of the lot mentioned in my last report; so that the hopes entertained that the Vestry would build a church edifice during the last season have been frustrated. The rector trusts that a "church building society" will soon be organized, from which his Vestry may obtain assistance in the arduous work before them. Our efficient Warden, Mr. John H. Bringhurst, has invested $1800, designed for building, in reliable securities. The rector receives no salary. In regard to the spiritual condition of the church, the rector feels encouraged. The "Cottage Lectures," in which he has been aided by "the Brotherhood of the Protestant Episcopal Church," have been well attended and exerted a happy and hallowed influence.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin J. Douglass, Rector of Christ Church, Towanda, Bradford county.

Congregation, families 50; baptisms, adults 2, infants 12, total 14;

confirmed 4; communicants, added 9, died or removed 3, present number 46; marriage 1; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 91, other days 54, total 145; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools 2, teachers 12, scholars 85; collections, Episcopal Fund $8, Convention Fund $8, Missionary and other purposes $144, total 160. For further statistics see Journal of 1853.

The contributions for missionary purposes have not been as large as could be wished during the past year, owing to the fact that more than $2000 have been raised entirely by the congregation for the erection and completion of the Rectory. The generous spirit displayed in this undertaking promises well for the future.

The Rector's salary is still the same, which is promptly and punctually paid. Though the number of those confirmed is small, there are indications of good in the future, which we hope, with God's blessing, will ere long be realized. The increase of our Sunday school, and the growing interest felt by the children in the services and worship in our beloved Zion, is a matter of devout thankfulness.

Report of the Rev. George C. Drake, Rector of St. James' Church, Muncy, Lycoming county.

Families 66, adults 133, children 68, total 201; baptisms, infants 6; communicants, added 1, died or removed 2, present number 81; marriages 7; burials 10; public services, on Sundays, at Muncy 49, at Pennsville 22, at Muncy Farms 19, at Bloomsburg 2, at Schuylkill Haven 1, total 93; other days 30, total 123; children catechized in Sunday school; Sunday school 1, pupils, male 16, female 32, total 48; teachers, male 6, female 7, total 13; offerings, special $6 85, undesignated $2 25, Convention Fund for 1854 $23 30, Society Advancement of Christianity $14 78 and $1 50, total $16 28; Domestic Missions $13 86, Foreign Missions $3 79½ and $4 57, total $8 36½; colonization $3 75, Bible, Prayer Book and Tracts $3 66 and $4 82, total $8 48; Christmas Fund $13 06, Church building $2 16, total $98 35.

The property, other than the Church building and lot, owned by the parish, is a separate parcel of ground used as a burial ground.—The Church of the parish is unencumbered. The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, about $250.

Although the past year has been in this parish one of great spiritual dearth, and our statistics tell unfavorably of confirmations and communion, there are some signs of promise. The number of our families has slightly increased. Our Sunday school has had an accession of teachers and scholars. The project of taking down the present church

building and erecting simultaneously a new church and parsonage, has been of late seriously talked of, and as the plan has the approval of the wealthiest family of the parish, we have hopes that it may be accomplished, the condition of the present church being much out of repair, favors the design.

Several young persons have been, and are now, entertaining the subject of uniting with the church by baptism; and it is confidently hoped that the Spirit of grace will so influence them, that the next parochial report will embrace their separation from the world and admission to the family of God.

The Sunday school at Muncy Farms has lately, since the return of Miss Hall in improved health, been recommenced. The influence of this school for good can scarcely be overrated. It is manifest in the services held there, which have been attended with unabated interest.

Our reported number of communicants does not represent fairly the state of the parish. A large number of names of persons are found on the list, who are not "open and notorious evil livers," but yet never come to the communion. The list needs to be cleared of these; but the minister of the parish does not feel authorized, under existing legislation, to strike them out.

Report of the Rev. Richard B. Duane, Rector of Grace Church, Honesdale, Wayne County.

Congregation, families 52, adults 142, children, 98, total 240; baptisms, adults 1, infants 9, total 10; confirmed 11; communicants added 8, died 2, removed 12, stricken off the list 4, present number 82; marriages 4; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 88, other days 5, total, 93; children catechised 96, times 12; Sunday School 1 (general), teachers 12, scholars 96; Bible Class 1, members10; collections, Episcopal Fund $15, Convention Fund $10, Missionary and other purposes, $6,218 44, viz: Diocesan Missionary Society $40, Domestic Missions, (through Epis. Miss. Ass'n. for the West) $40, Foreign Missions $40, Bishop White Prayer Book Society $10, Convocation Fund, $10, Wayne County Bible Society $22, Evangelical Knowledge Society $10, Convocation colporteur $25, parish purposes (incidental expenses) $81 03, moneys paid by congregation towards new church building, $5,316, ladies' Sewing Circle (for furnishing ditto) $525, Communion Alms $68 58, Sunday School (towards furnishing new Sunday School room) $20 83, ditto for American Sunday School Union $10, total $6,243 44.

The "property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish," is a parsonage. There is no debt upon the parish. The

"amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive," is $700 per annum, with the use of the parsonage; the same is not in arrears.

The corner stone of our new church building was laid by the Bishop of the Diocese, on the 23d of June, 1853. The work has steadily advanced. It is hoped that by the 1st of July next we shall worship within its walls, consecrated (free of debt) to the service of Almighty God. The building is of stone, in the early English style, 90 by 50 outside, including buttresses. It has a tower and spire, and will seat 400 persons. The Sunday School room is in the basement front, 32 by 42 in the clear.

Since the removal of our old church building from the lot upon which the new one now stands, the congregation has worshipped in the Court House. This fact will account for the small number of public services on other days than Sundays. Our usual services on Friday evening at the parsonage have been kept up, and services were held during Lent at private houses.

By Can. XII. of 1853, I am required to report "the state and condition of the Sunday School." It is, I believe, in better condition than ever before. We have more teachers and more scholars, and there is evidently more interest. The Rector is the Superintendent. The school is well supplied with Sunday School papers. With the increased accommodation which the Sunday School room in our new church will furnish us, we hope to increase the number of our scholars.

Since December 13th, 1853, the parish has been known by the name of Grace Church, Honesdale; the charter having been altered by the Court of Wayne County. Truth Church, Bethany, became extinct in 1840; the title "Dyberry Parish" has been dropped.

The parish has lost during the last year by removals, especially of communicants. On the opening of our new church we look for an increase in the congregation.

For assistance in building our new church we are greatly indebted to our friends in other parishes, without whose aid the enterprise could not have been carried on. But, above all, our thanks are due to Him in whose hands are "the silver and the gold," and who has graciously inclined the hearts of men to aid us in our undertaking. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, 25 infants, 4 adults; marriages 19; deaths and funerals 18; communicants about 300 (estimated); collections, for the Advancement Society $842 16, Christmas Fund $74 50, Convention

Fund $50, Episcopal Fund $183 81, offerings for the poor on Thanksgiving day $137 81, special fund for fuel for the poor $100, contributions for the Parish School $359 58, total officially received $1747 86, besides the communion alms; whole amount given for Missionary purposes $1768 90.

A chime of nine bells has been placed in one of the towers of the church, at an expense of more than $4,500,—the gift of a generous parishoner, to whom this parish has often been indebted for acts of liberality and kindness.

This parish owes no debt of any kind. The church property, over and above the church building, and its two cemeteries, remains the same as when reported, in detail, in May, 1850, (see the Journal of that year, p. 96,) with the addition of seven thousand four hundred and ninety-eight dollars invested in stocks and ground rents, the proceeds of the sale of several lots of ground formerly belonging to the parish corporation, as a part of the cemetry in Thirteenth street, above Arch street; there are, besides, similarly invested, $1222 belonging to the communion fund.

Measures are in progress, at this very time, for the speedy opening of an Orphan House for destitute children, to be connected with St. Stephen's Church, and to be upon a scale worthy of the munificent appropriation placed at the disposal of the Rector for that noble purpose. We hope to go into operation very soon — at farthest, in the fall. The Rector deems it proper to state, in evidence and in praise of the benevolence which has favored this thought of mercy, that he has had given to him the choice of six three-storied brick houses, one of them quite spacious; or, in lieu of them, of a valuable lot, in the very centre of the city, not far from the church, with the requisite means for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the children, whom the Church will thus take under her maternal charge. There they will be supplied with raiment, food, education, religious instruction, church privileges, careful spiritual training, and constant pastoral supervision. May God Almighty—the Father of the fatherless—favor and bless the undertaking.

Report of Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

Since the last Conventional meeting I have frequently read Divine Service, preached above fifty times, on numerous occasions, administered the Holy Communion and baptized one infant.

Report of the Rev. George A. Durborow, Rector of the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 140; baptisms, adults 10, infants 153, total

163; confirmed 17; communicants 115; marriages 80; burials 74; public services, on Sundays 126, other days 28, total 154; children catechized, times monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 10, pupils 115, female 1, teachers 13, pupils 165, total, schools 2, teachers 23, pupils 280; Bible classes 2, members 25; parish school, teacher 1, scholars 55; collections, Convention Fund $2 50, total about $450.

Property other than the Church building and lot own by the Parish none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish $3500, for lot; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, from Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania $250, arrears none; other sources $400, arrears of salary $200 to April 1st.

The past year has been one of great trial; also of great success. My efforts have been blest to the improvement of many. I continue my services at the House of Refuge where they are favorably received, and where, I trust, that they receive the Divine blessing.

During the past year the church has been much enlarged and improved. Additional room has been furnished for about 300 worshippers, and through the liberal kindness of our friends this has been done without incurring additional debt. I hope soon to report that the additional pews are all taken.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Durborow, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, and St. John's Chapel, Chester County.

Congregation, families 75, adults 181, children 200, total 381; baptisms, adults 10, infants 44, total 54; confirmed 10; communicants, added 20, died or removed 2, present number 53; marriages 4; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 130, other days 10, total 140; children catechized 5 times; Sunday schools 2, teachers 30, pupils 300; Bible classes 2, members 20; collections, Episcopal Fund $5, Convention Fund $5, Soc. Adv. of Christianity $5, Missionary and other purposes $250 76, cost of Chapel $900, total $1165 76.

Property, Church building and lot, Chapel and lot, and burial ground; no indebtedness; clergyman's salary $500 per annum, no arrears in salary.

Stated Sunday morning service has been held in St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, throughout the year. The afternoons and evenings have been divided between St. Andrew's, West Vincent, Chestnut Grove school house, the Yellow Springs, and St. John's Chapel, Pickering Bridge. This Chapel was built during the last summer by the proprietors of the Wheatly, Chester County, and Morris Mining Companies, at an expense of $900, and will seat about 150 persons. It is now under the care of the Rector of St. Peter's, who has officiated

there every Sunday afternoon since its completion; previously to which time the congregation was gathered in a meadow on the bank of the Pickering Creek, adjoining the bridge.

Other services have been held at Port Providence, the Montgomery County Poorhouse, and elsewhere in the vicinity.

The large and flourishing Sunday school connected with St. Peter's has, for the last seven years, been under the superintendence of Robert Renshaw, Esq., who has been indefatigable in his labors on its behalf. The Sunday school connected with St. John's is under the care of Jas. T. Brown, Esq., who has been a great aid to the Rector.

The female communicants of the Church last fall organized themselves into a "Benevolent Society," and in that capacity they have been very useful; the zeal of the ladies is (here as elsewhere) fully equal to the opportunities offered for manifesting their devotion to the cause of Christ.

Report of Joseph J. Elsegood, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton County.

Baptisms, infants 18; confirmed none; communicants, added 8, died 1, permitted to withdraw 4, present number 57; marriages 8; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 43, total 147; children catechized in the Sunday school; Sunday school 1, teachers 14, pupils 136; collections, Christmas Fund $10 25, Convention Fund $5, Domestic Missions $7 50, Female Prayer Book Society $5 16, Sunday school $11, Church improvement and other purposes $612, total $650 91.

Report of Rev. Rees C. Evans, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, and Trinity Church, Centreville, Bucks County.

Since last Convention until 11th March ult., I officiated at St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, and engaged in the duties of the City Mission. When City Missionary I baptized one infant, and officiated at four funerals.

I have received and accepted an unanimous call from the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, and from the Vestry of Trinity Church, Centreville. On 11th March ult., I entered upon my duties as Rector of those Parishes. Having so recently had charge of them, I am unable to give the statistics of them at present. These churches had been nearly a year without the stated means of grace, so that the attendance was very small. It is, however, gratifying to perceive a marked interest on the part of many who attend divine worship. There is, too, a disposition to love our Church, to unite in our prayers

and songs of praise, and hear the Word of God. On the Sunday next before Easter, the Holy Communion was administered at St. Paul's Church to eleven persons, five of whom were members of other congregations. Three of the communicants were absent, making nine communicant members of that Church.

It being necessary to make some alterations to St. Paul's Church, rendering it incapable of being used for divine service for a short time, the Vestry have united with the Vestry of Trinity Church in giving me leave of absence, which has been sanctioned by our Bishop.

At the Bishop's last visitation one person was confirmed; two marriages have been solemnized, one in St. Paul's Parish by a strange minister and one by myself in Centreville Parish in April. I also officiated in the solemnization of matrimony once, in October last, in the City of Philadelphia.

Our Sunday schools are just organized for the summer. May they receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

Report of the Rev. George G. Field, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg.

Congregation, families 56, adults 147, children 106, total 253; baptisms, infants 14; confirmed 8; communicants, added 6, died or removed 9, present number 70; marriages 2; burials 14; public services, on Sundays 111, other days 74, total 185; Sunday schools 2, teachers 10, pupils 76; collections, Episcopal Fund $10 84, Convention Fund $5 75, Soc. Adv. of Christianity $36 86, Christmas Fund $20 18, Foreign Missions $33, Domestic Missions $100 04, Church building $17 63, Sunday school $23 49, Bibles and Prayer Books $13 15, other purposes $108 42, total $379 36.

Property other than the Church building and lot own by the parish, the same as by the last report; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish none; amount of salary the clegyman is entitled to receive the same as by last report; salary paid with considerable punctuality.

In the above enumeration of Sunday services there are included seven held at night at Taeony.

During the past summer the congregation was larger than for several years previous. The church was filled, and more room was needed. It seemed as if the proper time had come to replace the present with a more commodious building. If insufficiency of funds should render it necessary to defer this work for a time, it is thought that before long the necessities of the parish will be so imperative as to render a much farther postponement in the highest degree culpable.

Report of the Rev. George C. Foote, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery county.

Congregation, families 49, adults 129, children 78, total 207; baptisms, adults 2, infants 6, total 8; communicants, added 8, died 2, present number 73; marriages 2; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 43, other days 13, total 56; children catechised every Sunday; Sunday School 1, male teachers 0, female teachers 6; male pupils 24, female pupils 34, total, teachers 6, pupils 58; Bible class 1, members 12; collections, Episcopal fund $2, Convention Fund $6, Society Adv. of Christianity $15, Missionary and other purposes $75, total $98.

The Rector accepted a call to this parish in the beginning of July, 1853, but was prevented by illness from assuming the charge of it until September 1st, from which time the above is a report of the condition of the parish, and of the services held. He is happy to report a gradual growth in its temporal and (he trusts) spiritual condition since that time. There seems to be a constantly increasing desire on the part of the parishoners and others to avail themselves of the privileges offered them. But there is much of the true spirit yet wanting. May the Great Head of the Church supply it! The salary offered, and which thus far has been promptly paid, is $400, and a parsonage. In addition to this sum the Rector receives $200 from the Society for the advancement of Christianity, making his salary $600 and a parsonage house.

The sum of $850 has been subscribed since the present Rector entered upon his duties, for the building of a new parsonage, to be added to the sum of $2000, which was already raised for that purpose; to buy or build is still in contemplation. The parish has also been relieved of its indebtedness of $375, by an appropriation from the estate of H. M. Sheaff, deceased, and stands now free of debt.

This parish has heretofore labored under many difficulties and discouragements. One was the want of a resident Pastor, (the present Rector is the first resident Pastor the church has ever had,) and within the last year it has lost by death one of the most active and influential of its members, a loss which has been, and must continue to be, severely felt in the parish, in the choir, in the Sunday School, by rich and poor, young and old; and one moreover which cannot be readily made up, when we take into consideration his zeal in good works, his self-denial for the Church's sake, his promptitude of action, and the time and opportunity he possessed to devote in its cause. Yet the present rector feels that its prospects are as bright as its warmest friends can expect, and is much encouraged by the zeal which he has

seen manifested by a few, and grateful for the kindness which all have bestowed without an exception.

Report of the Rev. B. Franklin, Rector of St. John's Church, N. L., Philadelphia.

Congregation 80; baptisms, adults 4, infants 23, total 27; confirmed 13; communicants added 20; died or removed 8: present number 135; marriages 1; burials 15; public services, on Sundays 93, other days 77, total 170; children catechized once a month; Sunday Schools 2, teachers 15, pupils 177; Bible class 1, members 8; collections, Convention Fund $17 54, Missionary and other purposes $200, total $217 54; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $1000, no arrears.

The large debt which has hung over this church from the time of its erection, has been removed by the generosity of the holder, Jacob Steinmetz, Esq. He has forgiven the whole upon certain conditions, which, by the liberal aid of a very few churchmen, and the small assistance of several, we have been able to comply with. In a few weeks it is expected that the necessary papers will be passed, which shall put this old church and its valuable lot forever free from a pecuniary load that has impaired its usefulness and been a cause of discredit for many years. The congregation is steadily growing in numbers and the ordinary attendance, considering the distance at which most of the people reside, is good. A German mission has been undertaken in the neighborhood, by the Rev. Edw. Meyer, who entered upon his duties in February, holding a German service every afternoon in St. John's. The immediate vicinity is inhabited by that class of population, and it is hoped that the missionary will take a zealous interest in their spiritual welfare, in which case great good may be anticipated.

Report of the Rev. J. G. Furey, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna County.

My connexion with the above parish commenced on the first of April. They promise me a salary of $200 and the use of the parsonage. There are in this parish nearly 50 communicants, and the Sunday School numbers, at present, about 30 scholars and seven teachers. There has been no minister settled here during the last two years. We earnestly hope and pray that the Divine blessing may descend upon us, and that we may bring forth fruit in due season to the glory of God.

Report of the Rev. James B. Goodwin, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ohio Township, and Georgetown Church, Georgetown, Beaver County.

St. Paul's Church, Ohio Township.

Baptisms, infants 2, adult 1, total 3; communicants, died or removed 2; present number 41; marriage 1; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 41, other days 4, total 45; collection, Diocesan Missionary Society $1 47.

Georgetown Church, Georgetown.

Baptisms, infants 3; communicants, present number 21; marriages 2; public services on Sundays 43. In attending Convention, and other calls of duty, I have been absent from my parish four Sundays. Our public services have been unavoidably interrupted four Sundays by bad weather, or the impassable state of the Ohio river.

The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive from these parishes, is $150; arrears of salary to August 1st 1853, $42 48.

Report of the Rev. Horatio Gray, Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, Missionary.

The duties performed by him at St. Andrew's, and elsewhere, are as follows: officiated at public service on 170 occasions, assisted in administering the communion on 18 occasions, preached 45 sermons, baptized 2 infants, attended 10 funerals, and solemnized one marriage.

As city missionary his labors have been closely connected with parochial duties. He has made about 60 visits among the poor, and distributed copies of the Bible, Testament and Prayer Book, with 3000 pages of Tracts.

Report of the Rev. Richard D. Hall.

I have been enabled to perform more duty than usual during the last Conventional year. Have preached 76 sermons, assisted at the Holy Communion frequently, and the service of the Church, baptized three children, buried one adult, and performed the marriage rite six times.

Report of the Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D. D., Rector, and of the Rev. H. S. Spackman, Assistant Minister, of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville.

Baptisms, infants 11; communicants, added 9, died or removed 7, present number 58; marriages 4; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 126, other days 9, total 135; Sunday schools 3, male 1, teachers

3, pupils 22, female 1, teachers 4, pupils 33, colored class 1, pupils 16, infant school 1, teachers 1, pupils 55, total, schools 3, teachers 9, pupils 127; Bible classes 3, members 35; collections, Episcopal Fund $9 03, Convention Fund $16 77, P. E. Hospital $10, Christmas Fund $17, Diocesan Missionary Society $20 89, Advancement Society $20, communion alms $44 26, total $137 95.

Statistics of parish, amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish $150; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, Rector $300, assistant Minister $400; arrears of salary none.

By the liberality of a parishioner a frame building on the Ridge Road, near Jefferson street, has been fitted up in a convenient manner for divine service, and on the 19th of February was opened for that purpose; since which time divine service has been held in it on Sundays, morning and afternoon, by the Rector and the assistant Minister. At this Chapel a Sunday school has been established (including an infant school and a Bible class), having in all 8 teachers and 52 pupils. The collections made at the Chapel were, for the Convention Fund $5 79, Sunday school $10, for relief of sufferers by a fire on Turner's Lane $22, total $37 79.

In addition to the public services stated above, and performed by the Rector and the assistant Minister, thirty meetings were held and thirty lectures delivered by the latter in private houses within the limits of the parish and neighborhood of the Chapel. The visitation of the Bishop having been postponed until the Sunday after the meeting of the Convention, no opportunity for confirmation has occurred within the year.

Report of the Rev. N. Sayre Harris, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester.

Congregation, pew holders, adults 153, children 153, total 306; baptisms, adults 3, infants 13, total 16; confirmed 10; communicants, added 9, died or removed 9, present number 71; marriages 8; burials 21; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 10, total 110; children catechized 12 times; Sunday schools, male and female, teachers 18, pupils 115, infant, teacher 1, pupils 85, total, schools 2, teachers 19, pupils 200; collections, Episcopal Fund $7 89, Convention Fund $9 25, Missionary and other purposes $176 10, to pay debts $300, total $493 24.

Property other than Church building and lot owned by the parish, $1400 invested in a parsonage, and a lot worth $250; indebtedness none; salary $700, no arrears.

Our congregation sustained a severe loss in the decease of its late venerable Wardens, Pierce Crosby and George W. Bartram; men ever

ready, by counsel, devotion of time and means, and the exercise of a generous hospitality, to promote the interests of the Church. The old Sexton, their cotemporary, did not long survive them. Of the ancient Church-edifice nothing remains but a daguerreotype.

We cannot report much increase of the body, but it has been compacted or knit together, preparatory, we trust, to growth. Every remaining vestige of debt having been made to disappear, and tithes and offerings brought into the Lord's house, we may ask that the windows of Heaven be opened and a blessing poured out.

The parsonage reported last year as commenced, is completed sufficiently for occupying, and will become ere long, we trust, the unincumbered property of the parish.

Report of the Rev. S. Hazlehurst, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Richmond.

My resignation of this parish took effect on the 1st January, 1854. During the ten months previous the number of baptisms were 17; communicants, added 9; marriages 4; burials 5; collected, for Missionary purposes $106 85; amount of salary received for four years and ten months $94 05.

On my resignation taking effect, the Bishop appointed me as Missionary and Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital. In this situation I have officiated twice every Sunday, either at the Hospital or in the parishes of my brethren; during the week have held frequent services at the Hospital, administered the communion service, baptized 3 infants, and officiated at 3 funerals.

Report of the Rev. William Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, Armstrong County.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 14, total 17; communicants, added 14, died or removed 7, present number 89; marriages 2; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 48, other days 7, total 55; children catechized monthly in Sunday school; Sunday school 1, teachers 10, pupils 89; Bible class 1, members 16; collections, Convention Fund $7 09, Missionary and other purposes $57 25, total $64 25.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish $450; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $300; arrears of salary $245 75.

The condition of this parish is still prosperous, and the Rector is encouraged in his labors in seeing that, through the Divine blessing, they are not wholly in vain. Hitherto this parish has had services

only every other Sunday, but arrangements have now been made by which the Rector's whole time will be devoted to the interests of this congregation; from this arrangement much good, it is hoped, will result, in rendering the parish more prosperous, both in temporal and spiritual things, than it has ever yet been.

Our Thursday evening lecture, during the winter and spring, has been very well attended, and the Rector hopes, not without much good resulting, in the building up of his people more firmly in their most holy faith.

The ladies' Sewing Circle has also been very active and efficient during the winter, and have succeeded in rasing $126. This is to be applied to the payment of $50 yet due on our organ, and for other necessary fixtures about the church.

Trinity Church, Freeport.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 5, total 7; communicants, added 4, died or removed 7, present number 53; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 44, other days 10, total 54; children regularly catechized in Sunday school; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 50; collections, Convention Fund $2 41, Christmas Fund $4 31, Missionary and other purposes $30 50, total $37 22.

During the past year I have as usual only visited this parish once in two weeks; they have no services during the week; for these reasons it is not so prosperous as under more favorable circumstances it would be. I resigned the charge of this parish on the first of May inst., and hope they will soon be able to procure a pastor to reside among them, which, I hope, through the Divine blessing, will tend greatly to their advancement both in temporal and spiritual things.

A few of the ladies of this parish formed themselves into a Sewing Circle, and by their exertions have raised, during the last six months, upwards of $30, the most of which has been paid into the treasury of the "Diocesan Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania."

This parish has no property but the Church and lot; the salary promised the Rector by this parish is $180, $186 of which remains unpaid up to this time.

Since July last I have held divine service and preached on the afternoon or night of every fourth Sunday at Leechburgh, about seven miles from Freeport, where there are a few members of our Church. Could services be held more frequently at this place I have no doubt but that a congregation of considerable size could soon be gathered.

I have also, during the past year, preached in various school houses and private houses, to large assemblies of people; and it is hoped that these labors have not been altogether in vain.

Report of the Rev. M. Hirst, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Minersville, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families 15, adults 40; baptisms, infants 40; communicants, removed 5, present number 19; marriages 8; burials 12; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 10, total 62; collections, Missionary and other purposes $35, Convention Fund $2, total $37.

The parish owns no property except the Church edifice; it is free from debt; amount of salary received for the past year is $250.

This parish has suffered by removals, and is likely to sustain further loss from the same cause. Generally, there has been good attention to the preached Gospel. While the seed sown in some instances has taken root and brought forth fruit, in others it has fallen upon barren or stony ground, and being choked with the cares and pleasures of the world, no fruit appears.

Report of the Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 260, total about 1100; baptisms, adults 8, infants 42, total 50; confirmed 24; communicants, added 40, died or removed 18, present number 468; marriages, 14; burials 26; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 85, total 189; children catechized, times 6; Sunday Schools, male 1, teachers 7, pupils 68, female 1, teachers 20, pupils 186, total schools 2, teachers 27, pupils 254, infant schools 2, teachers 1, pupils 104; Bible Classes, 8, members 84, total under instruction, 442; collections, Episcopal Fund $150, Convention Fund $80, Diosc. Missions $803 70; Missionary and other charitable purposes $3765 54, total $4749 24. This sum is exclusive of the six thousand dollars expended for the enlargement and furnishing of the chancel, &c. Property other than church building and lot owned by the Parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the Parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, $3000; arrears of salary, none.

Since my last report the church edifice has been greatly improved in appearance, and in adaptation to its holy uses, by the erection of a chancel, and (contiguous thereto,) a Parish School, Bible Class, and Parish Library Rooms. The whole expense of this addition was met by the sale of ten new pews, for which room was created by the alteration.

Our experiment of a "Home" for aged and desolate female members of the Church, which was just commenced at the period of the last Diocesan Convention, has, we think, been sueeessful, and we have entered upon a second year of trial with hope of enlarged and permanent usefulness.

Among the most efficient of the agencies for good in which members of this congregation are engaged, may be reckoned the work of the "Ladies Missionary Circle." This "Circle" employs itself in making garments for the families of clergymen who are inadequately paid.— Its labors have now been pursued through three winters with great interest and success. And the social assembling of the Ladies of the congregation for a common work of benevolenec has been, I believe, as advantageous to this parish as it has been conducive to the relief of "friends and brethren dear," whose self-denying labors are spent in remote and destitute places.

Our Parish Day Schools still continue to bestow upon the neighborhood the benefits of Christian education, and to be attended by more than one hundred and fifty pupils. They arc admirably managed, and diligently taught.

Report of the Rev. William Huckel, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 28, total 30; confirmed 19; communicants, added 40, died or removed 12, present number 90; marriages 13; burials 20; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 40, total 144; children catechized 280, times monthly; Sunday schools, male teachers 5, pupils, 75, female 2, teachers 16, pupils 180, total, schools 3, teachers, 22, pupils 255; Bible classes 2, members about 25; collections, Episcopal Fund $10, Convention Fund $5, Episcopal Hospital $11, Missionary and other purposes $639; of which sum, it may be proper to specify, that $320 was collected by the Ladies' Mite Society during the last year, and $88 by the Sunday Schools.

Report of the Rev. B. S. Huntington, Principal of the Aston Ridge Seminary.

Sermons at the Seminary 60, in other places, Brooklyn, Bordentown, Doylestown, Media, Chester, Wilmington, Charleston and other Southern cities 40, to slaves 3, Lectures and addresses at the Seminary 160, total 263; baptisms 4; marriages 2; burial 1; united at communion 5 times. The degree of religious interest among us during the year, has been encouraging. One of the former teachers having reeently become a missionary to China, it is hoped that her ex-

ample may awaken a missionary spirit among the pupils. I have held frequent services at the County Court House, in Media, with a view to the formation of a parish. The attendance has been very encouraging.

Report of the Rev. Joseph Jaquett.

Reports that he has been engaged during the past year in teaching Theological Students the Hebrew language.

Report of the Rev. Edward C. Jones.

The Missionary at the Blockley Alms-house, is happy to report to his respected Diocesan, that during the past Conventional year he has been occupied as usual in his ministerial duties. The Insane department still enlists his warmest sympathies and to it his slender abilities are particularly dedicated. The patients who have sat beneath his voice for upwards of five years, are, many of them, restored to their friends and society, and the Missionary has been pleased with their grateful acknowledgments expressed to him since their renovated mental condition. In the Children's Asylum, he has also labored according to his ability. These two points are obviously the most interesting. To the Lunatic and those demoniacally affected, our dear Lord extended his hand of mercy, while upon the heads of the young children he invoked His choicest benediction. The Missionary cannot close without expressing his warmest acknowledgments to his Rt. Rev. Father, for his steady advocacy of the claims of his Mission, and praying that the Church may yet awake to their full and complete appreciation.

Report of the Rev. N. M. Jones, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Philadelphia.

Families 42; children baptized 30; funerals 8; Sunday school pupils 400. The Rector is the only teacher. The number of communicants cannot be ascertained correctly, until the church is finished, which will probably be in three or four weeks. Thirty-six poor and suffering families, comprising about 140 persons, have been relieved during the past winter, chiefly by the aid afforded to the Rector by that excellent Institution, the Brotherhood of the Church.

Report of the Rev. Daniel Kendig, Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church and Missionary.

Since his ordination, January 22nd, the undersigned has assisted

in the performance of Divine Service on 36 occasions and has officiated at 3 funerals. Since the 1st of May, he has been discharging the duties of his present position.

Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's Church, Wayne-township and Missionary in Armstrong, Clarion and Jefferson counties.

Congregation, families 76; baptisms, infants 35; communicants, added 22, died or removed 7, present number 100; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 81, other days 6, total 87; Sunday schools 2, teachers 9, pupils 70; Bible classes 2, members 25; collections, Parochial purposes $6 50; Property of the church, &c., as last reported. Amount of salary clergyman is entitled to receive $150. Arrears of salary about $160.

Since my last report to the Convention, I have visited some church families residing in Snyder township, Jefferson county, three of which were formerly attached to Emmanuel Church, Holmesburgh, Pa. I held morning service, preached, administered the Communion to nine persons, and baptized four children. Proceeding to Brookville (16 miles distant) that evening, I held service and preached in the Presbyterian Church. Our brethren in Snyder township earnestly desired to be placed on my list of Missionary stations, and I hope to revisit them this summer. The venerable founder of the colony, John Robinson, has since been called to his reward. For three years he regularly celebrated, with only one omission, the church service and read a sermon in his own cabin—to which his neighbors were freely welcome. He also gathered the children of the settlement and had a fine Sunday School, being well supplied with books by pious friends of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburgh, who cheered and urged him on in his good work. There are at present five families connected with my mission in this settlement (60 miles from any residence), six families at two stations in Clarion county, eight at the Great Western Iron Works, eight at American Furnace and Orrsville, mouth of Mahoning, three at Pine Creek Furnace, nine at Minnesota Point Female Seminary, Pine township, of which I am the principal, and thirty-seven at St. Michael's Church, Wayne township, of which I am Rector, making 76 families in all. There are very many other families belonging to the church, scattered through the three counties in which I officiate, but being burdened with the care of a school for the subsistence of my family, I am unable to do that which my heart prompts for the extension of our Holy Church, and the ingathering of her children now wandering on the mountains, or straying into strange folds. I shall make efforts to erect a church at Orrsville, mouth of Mahoning

Creek, during this year. I would earnestly plead for the aid of a clerical co-worker, a deacon say, or the appointment of a distinct missionary for Clarion and Jefferson counties, as I have more work than I can well attend to in Armstrong. I have travelled 1275 miles in the discharge of missionary duty since last Convention, and upwards of 1100 on horseback.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St. James', West Marlborough.

St John's, New London.

Congregation, families about 17; baptisms, children 3; communicants, added 2, removed 1, dropped 2, present number 23; marriage 1; burials 3; public services, with sermons on the Lord's day 26, other days 12, total 38; children catechized 10 times; Sunday school 1, teachers 4, pupils 27; Bible class 1, members 8; collections, Episcopal Fund $2 20, Convention Fund $2 82, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society $2 27, Diocesan Missionary Society $4 09, Bishop White Prayer Book Society $2 79, Parochial purposes $6, total $21 17.

The Church property, which is unencumbered, consists in the building, graveyard and adjacent lot. The pew-rents amounting to $43 have been paid, with some generous donations.

St. James' Church, West Marlborough.

Services, with sermons on the Lord's day 25, other days 1, total 26; communicants 2; collections, Episcopal Fund 70 cts., Convention Fund 60 cts., Diocesan Missionary Society $1, total $2 30. There is no property but the building and churchyard, on which there is no debt.. Services as heretofore gratuitous.

Since the last Convention, the last trustee of this church has been called to sleep, as it is hoped, in Christ. During the past year the minister of the parishes mentioned in connexion has had 26 public services, with sermons on the Lord's day, at the Chester County Prison, and 25 at the Chester County Poor House, with one on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day, making 51 visits to prisoners in their cells in the County Prison, and 85 to the sick in the different rooms of the County Poor House, and he has the gratification of adding that the attendance on the public services has been considerably larger than during any preceding year, having in general comprised all the members, young and old, of the establishment able to leave their rooms; that the appearance and comforts of the inmates have been much improved and that a large and handsome building, with a room for public wor-

ship and instruction, is in progress. Here two children have received the rite of baptism. The writer of this report has also, during the same period, (chiefly within the limits of the county,) preached on 52 occasions and baptized 4 children.

Report of the Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's, Morlatton, and St. Michael's, Birdsboro'.

Christ Church, Pottstown.

Congregation, families 32, adults 125, children 50, total 175; baptisms, infants 3; communicants, added 7, removed 2, present number 45; confirmed 3; marriages 4; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 82, other days 10, total 92; Sunday school 1, teachers 11, pupils 80; children catechized in the Sunday school; collections, Church building $5 38, Christmas Fund $5 52, Convention Fund $3 33, Missionary and other purposes $192, total 206 23. Besides the foregoing amount collected, the sum of $600 has been subscribed toward the Parsonage fund at the parish. Amount of salary promised and punctually paid $250, contributed to payment of Rector's house-rent $70, total $320.

In this congregation we wait for the fruit of our labor in the hope that in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Hitherto, although the Divine blessing has not been altogether withheld it has not yet reached the measure of our desires.

St. Gabriel's Church, Morlatton (Douglassville).

Congregation, families 45, adults 250, children 75, total 325; baptisms, adult 1, children 9, total 10; communicants, died or removed 10, added 2, present number 61; marriages 3; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 30, other days 15, total 45; Sunday school 1, male teachers 6, female teachers 12, scholars, boys 54, girls 77, total 131; collections, Church building fund $5, Christmas Fund $2 70, Missionary and other purposes $76, total $83 70. Salary promised and paid $150. Church property as before reported.

There having been no confirmation in this church during the past year the increase of communicants has been small, and the decrease by death and removal unusually large. There are however, at present some candidates for confirmation, who will probably soon be admitted to the privileges of the household of faith. We have reason to be thankful that in this congregation there are encouraging indications of a churchly spirit—a spirit that manifests itself in love for the ways of Zion, in "the work of faith and in the labor of love."

St. Michael's Church, Birdsboro'.

Congregation about 120; baptisms, adults 8, children 5, total 13; confirmed 15; communicants 12; public services 35; Sunday school 1, teachers 9, scholars 50; collections, Missionary and other purposes $55. Salary $150, paid in full.

The history of this congregation, which is of quite recent origin, may be summed up in few words. For several years services were held in a school-house. The corner-stone of the church edifice was laid on Whitsunday of 1852. On the 12th of February following, the church was consecrated; all pecuniary claims having been previously paid. And since the consecration, the church has been regularly opened for the sacred services above reported.

Of these three parishes the Rev. Aaron Christman is now the assistant minister. The increase of labor which by this arrangement is expended on our portion of the vineyard, it is ardently hoped, may yield fruit to the Redeemer's glory.

Report of the Rev. Edward N. Lightner, Rector of Christ (Swedes') Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery County.

Families and part of families 40, children and adults about 160; baptisms, infants 13, adults 5, total 18; communicants, added 4, died or removed 4, present number 75; confirmed 9; marriages 1; burials 17; public services in the Church every Sunday morning and in Bridgeport in the afternoon. The Church is open on the principal festivals and fasts. Collections, Episcopal Fund $7 50, Advancement Society $5, Domestic Missions $3, Christmas Fund $6, other purposes $21, total $42 50.

Several families have removed from the Parish during the past year, and as no new ones have come in to supply their place the congregation is somewhat reduced in numbers.

Report of the Rev. M. C. Lightner, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks Co.

Congregation, families 114, adults 337, children 211, total 548; baptisms, adults 6, infants 24, total 30; confirmed 17; communicants, added 26, died or removed 9, present number 160; marriages 5; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 125, other days 109, total 234; 90 children catechized in the church monthly, Sunday school, teachers 23, scholars 143; collections, Episcopal Fund $22, Convention Fund $16 25, Christmas Fund $28, Domestic Missions $50, Foreign Missions $50, Church Buildings $110, New Orleans sufferers $85 86, Rev. Mr. Breck's Indian Mission, (mainly by the children of the Sun-

day school,) $80 29, Female Prayer Book Society $14 24, other purposes $246 25, total $702 89.

Besides the church building and lot, the parish owns a comfortable Parsonage unincumbered by debt.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, besides the use of the Parsonage, $900, which is always punctually paid.

Another parish has recently been organized in this city with encouraging prospects, chiefly through the efforts of the Rev. Robert Davis, and with the cordial consent of the Rector and vestry of Christ church. The name of the new parish is St. John's, and its charter has been presented to the present Convention for acceptance.

The rector feels constrained again to record his grateful sense of the kindness of his parishioners.

Report of the Rev. John Long, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Scranton, Luzerne County.

Congregation, families 55, adults 125, children 75, total 200; baptisms, adults 1, infants 17, total 18; confirmed 2; communicants, added 14, present number 32; marriages 3; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 145, other days 35, total 180; children catechized 80, times 14; Sunday school, teachers 9, pupils 100; collection, Convention Fund $5, Missionary and other purposes $65, Sunday School to African Mission $5, total $75; property other than church building and lot owned by the Parish, a lot for parsonage; foundation laid; lot worth $500; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $400; arrears of salary $185.

The prospects of gathering in this place a large congregation are very encouraging. The field for missionary effort is large and interesting. Our congregation gradually increases in numbers, so that it is no longer a question whether the church can be established at Scranton. God be praised for helping us hitherto; in Him we trust for the future.

Report of the Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Missionary in Crawford County.

Public services, on Sundays 55, other times 2, total 57; baptisms, infants 7; confirmations 3; communicants 12; number of places where I officiate 4; Holy communion administered 2, assisted in its administration 5 times; assisted in public service 30 times.

I am now giving one fourth of my time to Conneautville, one-fourth to Shermansville, and one-fourth to Richmond and Woodcock. The attendance on the services is respectable, though not equal to what we hope to find it. Having no organized parishes, we have had none of

the prescribed collections. My health is somewhat improved, though scarcely equal to my labors. Still I hope to accomplish more the coming year than I have done for the past.

Report of the Rev. Theodore Lyman, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

Baptisms, infants 50, adults 3, total 53; confirmed 18; marriages 10; funerals 16; communicants, died 6, removed 14, transferred to St. Peter's Church 29, added 20, present number 230; Collections, General Domestic Missions $172, infirm clergymen $70 11, General P. E. S. School Union $80 60, Parish S. School, $130 02, Advancement Society $200, Episcopal Fund $100, Convention Fund $20, Communion Alms $292 74, other contributions to missionary and charitable objects $546 10, total $1612 17.

In addition to the above, the sum of $2000 has been contributed to remove the balance of a long standing debt, and we are thus enabled to report the parish as entirely free from debt.

It gives me pleasure also to report that during the past year a new and fine toned organ, from the manufactory of Mr. Jardine, of New York, has been placed in the church at a cost of $1750, in addition to the valuation of the old organ. This sum has also been raised by the voluntary offerings of the congregation.

The connection between Trinity and St. Peter's Churches was dissolved in February last, by the completion of the organization of St. Peter's, and the election of a Vestry for that church.

Report of the Rev. A. A. Marple, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro', Tioga Co.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 6, total 13; burials 8; marriages 4; confirmed 10; communicants 75; upon the Sunday school roll we have the names of about 50 children and 5 teachers; the following collections have been taken up: Convention Fund $10, Church building $10, Parish Library $20, Colonization Society $6, Domestic Missions $6, For. Missions $10, Female Prayer Book Society $4, New Orleans sufferers $40; the Sunday school contributed $12. The parish has also spent over $150 in the erection of a neat barn upon the rectory lot.

The Rector has held three services on nearly every Sunday. Thirty of these services were held in school houses a few miles from the village. Monthly visits have been made to the towns of Tioga and Lawrenceville, though upon two occasions Lawrenceville was passed by. Blossburg has had one service; Covington three; Columbia, in the western part of Bradford county, one; Coudersport, the county seat

of Potter county, three services at one visit. We need a district Missionary.

What the Rector receives as salary he regards as equal to $650. He bears his testimony also to many kindly and thoughtful acts on the part of his parishioners.

Report of the Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 25, total 28; confirmed 19; communicants, added 25, present number 200; marriages 3; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 40, total 144; children catechized 170, several times openly in the Church; Sunday schools, male teachers 12, pupils 121, female teachers 18, pupils 163, total, teachers 30, pupils 284; Bible classes 2, members 35; collections, Episcopal Fund $18, Convention Fund $5, Missionary and other purposes $745, total $768.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $1000, all paid.

Report of the Rev. John J. McElhinney, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh.

Congregation, families and parts of families 28, adults 75, children 50, total 125; baptisms, infants 8; confirmed 4; communicants, added 9, removed 4, present number 40; marriages 6; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 77, other days 3, total 80; children catechized on communion Sundays in the Sunday school, P. M.; Sunday school, teachers 15, pupils about 100; collections, Convention Fund $2 50, Diocesan Missionary Society $15, Parish Library Association $5, total $22 50.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $250; arrears of salary $17.

[Report of the Rev. Edwin Mendenhall, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem, and Zion Church, Sterling, Wayne County.

The number of families within the bounds of my mission to which I give religious instruction is about fifty. Many of these families live too remote from either of the parishes to enable them to attend the public services only occasionally. The communicants have heretofore been reported from St. John's parish. Since the consecration of Zion Church a portion of them attend the latter.

St. John's Church, Salem.

Communicants, added 6, present number 29; marriages 3; burials

3; baptisms, adults 2, infants 4, total 6; services, at Salem 60, at Ledgedale 12, other places 10, total 82; salary received $100; donations from both congregations $75; collections, Advancement Society $3, Female Prayer Book Society $1 12½, Convention Fund $2 62, for parochial purposes $10, total $16 74½.

Zion Church, Sterling.

Communicants, added 3, present number 7; collections, for parochial purposes $5 50, Episcopal Fund $1 33, total $6 83; salary received $50.

Report of the Rev. Edward Meyer, Missionary among the Germans, and Assistant Minister of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

On the 6th of February last I resigned the charge of Bangor Church, Churchtown, and the Mission at Spring Grove, Lancaster County. The statistics of that parish I leave to be reported by my successor. Arriving in Philadelphia, on my way to a parish in another diocese, I was induced, at the instance of a number of brethren, to change my purpose, and engage, with the sanction and by appointment of the Bishop, in a Mission among the Germans of this City. Specific and generous pledges were made for its support, by a number of parishes and individuals. Sunday afternoon services in the German language have been held in St. John's Church, N. L., kindly tendered for the use of the Mission by the corporation. These services have hitherto been sparsely attended, as was expected at the beginning. Our main reliance in this work is on parochial labor, from house to house, "in the streets and lanes of the City," distributing Tracts, &c.

Many causes combine to make the work arduous; we consider it, nevertheless, promising enough to warrant a full and fair trial.

On invitation of the Rector, and with the consent of the Bishop, I have also become Assistant Minister of the Church of the Atonement, in this City. An extensive missionary field around the locality of that Church invites attention and promises abundant reward.

Report of the Rev. G. D. Miles, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre.

Congregation, families 96, adults 241, children 199, total 440; baptisms, infants 12; confirmed 5; communicants, added 9, died or removed 5, present number 102; marriages 5; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 98, other days 21, total 119; I have also preached at various places in the neighborhood, at Convocations, &c., making in all 141 sermons; the children have not been catechized regularly, ow-

ing to absence from town for service at the hour when the school is held; one general Sunday school with about 100 scholars, one branch school 40 scholars; one infant school 50 scholars, total under instruction 214; teachers 25; Bible classes 2, members 24; collections, Episcopal Fund $20, Convention Fund $20, Missionary and other purposes $423 56, total $463 56. The following are the principal objects to which money has been appropriated: Foreign Missions $95 ($35 being the children's penny collections), Domestic Missions (through Missionary Association for the West) $60, Diocesan Missions $45, Sunday school purposes within the parish $55 96, Christmas Fund $20, Theological Seminary, Va. $12, Parish Library $14, Bible distribution in Luzerne county $12, Church building $14, Convocation purposes $35, Prayer Book Societies $20, communion offertory $50 60.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish, lot for parsonage, cost about $1000; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $700, no arrears.

The congregation of St. Stephen's are now engaged in the erection of a new Church building. The last sermon was preached in the old frame building, which had stood for 30 years, on Easter Sunday evening, 1853. The corner-stone of the new Church was laid by the Bishop on the 20th of June, and the work was so advanced that services were commenced in the basement on Christmas day. It is hoped that the present year will witness its completion. The whole amount subscribed thus far is $9155. The old church building was sold for $150, after reserving the pews for the lecture room. In addition to this the Ladies' Sewing Society has raised, within the last two years, $1000 (now upon interest,) for furnishing the Church. The plan is a plain and substantial brick structure, of the Norman or Romanesque style, from Billings & Sleeper, Boston, and can be paid for within the parish. There will be upwards of 100 pews, the whole seating between six and seven hundred persons. The basement contains a large lecture and Sunday school room, a Bible-class room, and a room for the infant school.

St. James' Church, Pittston.

This Church has been under my charge during the larger portion of the present Conventional year. Services have been held regularly every other Sunday afternoon during the winter, amounting to 14 times in all. There are about 20 families, 7 communicants, and a Sunday school with 50 scholars and 9 teachers. A Ladies' Sewing Society has been organized, and efforts will be made to build a church as soon as a suitable lot is obtained.

Report of the Rev. D. S. Miller, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford.

Congregation, families 130; baptisms, adults 11, infants 48, total 59; confirmed 32; communicants, added 56, died or removed 4, present number (1st May) 119; marriages 2; burials 12; public services, on Sundays 110, other days 51, total 162; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male school, teachers 11, pupils 85, female school, teachers 16, pupils 115, infant school, teachers 2, pupils 120, total, schools 3, teachers 29, pupils 320; Bible classes 2; collections, Episcopal Fund $10, Convention Fund $10, Missionary and charitable objects $681 93, other purposes $189 12, total $891 05.

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish none, excepting a small frame on the Church lot; indebtedness of the parish, none; amount of salary $800; arrears of salary none.

The present Rector's term began on the first of June last. He took actual charge shortly before the first of August, having been absent from the city after the resignation of his former place on July 1st. Until his coming, the pulpit here was supplied by various clergymen of the Diocese, its former incumbent having left before the first of May last.

The House Lectures, delivered at the dwellings of the congregation, which were begun in the Lent season of 1853, by the then Rector, have been held this spring again, up to the present date, and with much apparent benefit and acceptance.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County.

Congregation, families 62, adults 250, children 125, total 375; baptisms, adults 1, infants 10, total 11; communicants, died 4, present number 75; marriage 1; burials 8; public services, on Sunday 52, other days 6, total 58; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 30, female 1, teachers 7, pupils 35, total, schools 2, teachers 9, pupils 65; collections, Convention Fund $2 50, Christmas Fund $3 70, Domestic Missions $3 50, Episcopal Fund $2 50, other purposes $90 45, total $102 65.

Property other than Church building and lot owned by the parish, a parsonage, with about fifty acres of land, without debt; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $300; arrears to the Rector $100 50, for tax and repairs incurred at the parsonage.

The school house belonging to this Church is now being remodeled for the use of the Sunday school.

The Rector continues his labors at the Union Church as heretofore, on the afternoon of each Lord's day, where he administers the Word

and Ordinances with much delight to an attentive and interesting congregation. The Sunday school connected with this Church continues to flourish and to be a great blessing to the neighborhood. It numbers about one hundred pupils, and is conducted by two devoted teachers. Every effort is here made to cultivate the intellect and the hearts of those who attend upon the services.

Besides the religious instruction, a Course of Lectures on scientific subjects has been delivered on Thursday evenings to a large and interesting audience.

There are two libraries belonging to this Church, one for the use of children, the other for adults; the books have been well selected, and are very generally read.

Report of the Rev. Henry E. Montgomery, Rector of All Saints' Church, Moyamensing.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants, 143, total 145; confirmed, 24; communicants, present number 220; marriages 50; burials 60; public services, Sundays 105, others 43, total 148; children catechized 12 times; Sunday schools 2, teachers 27, pupils 221; Bible classes 2, pupils 25; collections, Convention Fund $10, Adv. Society $30, enlargment of church building, a large portion from a friend without the parish, $1655 62; Missionary and other purposes 904 31; salary of Rector $1200, no arrears.

The Rector of All Saints' Church, with the Rev. Dr. Newton, held weekly cottage lectures in the lower part of this district from October 1853, to the beginning of Lent of the present year.

They were generally well attended and produced much good, it is believed, to both teachers and hearers. The collects and hymns of the Prayer book were used, and one or two brief expositions of Scripture given on such occasion.

Report of the Rev. William White Montgomery, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, and St. Mark's, Northumberland, and officiating in Christ Church, Milton, Northumberland County.

St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury.

Congregation, families and parts of families 20, adults 56, children 40, total 96; baptisms, infants 3; confirmed 3; communicants, added 4, present number 24; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 38, other days 26, total 64; children catechized several times; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 5, pupils 20, female 1, teachers 5, pupils 30, total, schools 2, teachers 10, pupils, 50; collections, Convention Fund $3 27, Society Advancement of Christianity $15 50, Mis-

sionary and other purposes 45 07, Building Fund at Easter $2 50, total $66 34.

No other property than the Church Building and Lot is owned by the parish. About $600 are in hand for the erection of a brick building for the Sunday Schools. The Parish Church is free of debt. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $200, which is, at the present date, very much in arrears.

St. Mark's, Northumberland.

Congregation, families 8, adults 15, children 30, total 45; baptisms, adults 1, infants 7, total 8; confirmed 7; communicants, added 3, removed 2, present number 10; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 37, other days 12, total 49; children catechized several times; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 12, female 1, teachers 2, pupils 16, total schools 2, teachers 4, pupils 28; collections, Convention Fund $1 50, Society for the Advancement of Christianity $8 53, Missionary and other purposes $37 48, Building Fund at Easter $4 05, total 51 56.

No other property than the church building and lot owned by the parish. The church building is free from debt. Amount of salary contributed $100, which is regularly paid, and not in arrears. The congregation is small in *numbers* but not in *strength*; "Who hath despised the day of small things; for they *shall rejoice.*"

Christ Church, Milton.

According to the direction of the Bishop, I have continued in charge of this parish since my last report, and officiated several times; services have been also held by the Bishop, and the Rev. Mr. Furey, the former Missionary. The parish still needs more frequent services and more regular pastoral care than I can give it. Families and parts of families 9, adults 15, children 10, total 25; communicants 12, burials 2.

Report of the Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk.

Congregation, families 165; baptisms, adults 7, infants 50, total 57; confirmed 20; communicants, added 15, died or removed 5, dropped from the list for long continued neglect 14, present number 132; marriages 5; burials 30; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 15, total 119; children catechized monthly in the Church; Sunday school 1, teachers 24, pupils 265; collections, Christmas Fund $15, Domestic Missions $8, Schuylkill Convocation Fund $18 50, Church

Hospital 65 75, Poor of the Parish $46 93, Sunday School $76 25, Repairs of the Church (debt) $100, total $330 43.

The collections reported above for the Church Hospital, together with collections made last year make the sum of $100, on which has been paid to the Treasurer of the Hospital in the name of the Parish of St. David's Church. We hope yet to make this contribution equal $300, which according to the present rates will entitle the Parish to fourteen weeks board and attendance annually for all time.

The Rector's salary for the coming year is $800, which has always been fully and punctually paid.

Report of the Rev. Jacob B. Morss, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County.

Congregation, families and parts of families about 60, adults about 126, children and young persons 150; baptisms, infants 8; several candidates for confirmation awaiting the Bishop's visitation; communicants, added 5, died 2, present number 50; marriages 8; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 104, festivals and other days 48, total 152; Sunday schools, male and female 2, teachers 7, children 70; collections, Episcopal Fund $10, Convention Fund $8, Society for Advancement of Christianity $25, Christmas Fund $15 65, Easter offerings for church building $6 78, other contributions for church purposes amounting to $150. Salary of the Rector $500, paid quarterly and promptly by the Treasurer. Church property, the edifice and square on which it stands, free from encumbrance; also a few hundred dollars accumulating for the purpose of building a parsonage at some future day.

Report of the Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 160, total about 800; baptisms, 50; confirmed 14; communicants, added 12, present number about 250; marriages 12; public services, on Sundays 80, other days 80, total 160; children catechized 153 times publicly, in church twice, weekly in school; Sunday school 1, teachers 22, pupils 153; Parish school 1, teachers 2, scholars 51. A night school for young men has been established through the efforts of the Rev. G. T. Huntington, aided by members of the congregation, and has proved highly satisfactory in its influences. There are *six* teachers and *thirty-one* scholars—young men and boys at trades who learn reading, writing and arithmetic, and seem grateful for the instruction afforded. The church was closed during the months of June, July, August, September, October

and November, and the usual collections for church objects during those periods were consequently omitted.

Collections, Episcopal Fund $150, Convention Fund $62 83, Missionary and other purposes $1371, total $1590. In addition to this the congregation has contributed for alteration in the church building upwards of $6000, making a total of over $7500 collected during the year.

Report of the Rev. John K. Murphy, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, and St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware County.

Calvary Church, Rockdale.

Congregation, families 51; baptisms, adults 10, infants 30, total 40; confirmed 15; communicants, added 15, died or removed 8, present number 46; marriages 5; funerals 23; public services, on Sundays 94, other days 46, total 140; children "catechized openly" monthly; Sunday school 1, teachers 14, pupils 96, infant school 1, teachers 2, pupils 42, total, teachers 16, pupils 138; Bible classes 2, pupils 16; collections, Convention Fund $5, Missions $13, Advancement Society $3 87, Offertory $30 64. Salary, promptly paid, $400.

St. John's Church, Concord.

Congregation, families 29; baptisms, adults 1, infants 6, total 7; confirmed 2; communicants, added 4, present number 28; marriages 2; funerals 4; public services, on Sundays 51, other days 2, total 53; collections, Convention Fund $5, Church debt $37 50, Offertory $38 87. Salary $270; still due $20.

There is now no debt against the church property. During the past year several praiseworthy efforts have been made by the members of the congregation to render their place of worship more comfortable, and to improve and decently enclose the cemetery and other grounds of the church. Nearly $800 have been collected from sources entirely within the parish, and have been appropriated by the vestry in such a way as to show a growing interest in the things requisite for the service and house of God.

Report of the Rev. S. Nash, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Blairsville, and Christ Church, Indiana, Indiana County.

Baptisms, infants 3; communicants, present number 10; marriage 1; burial 1; collections, Convention Fund $2 34, Missionary and other purposes $8 34, total $10 68.

This parish is in a depressed condition. Removals, deaths and destitution of pastoral services have reduced them to a state of feebleness and discouragement, that gives little hope of immediate improvement. The few that remain are desirous for continuance of services, but their means for securing that object are very limited, and cannot effect the object without aid from abroad.

Christ Church, Indiana.

Baptisms, infants 4; communicants, present number 5.

This parish is entirely new and has as yet no house of worship.—Services have been regularly performed twice on every alternate Sabbath, in the Lutheran house of worship, which, not being in use on that day by the owners, was obtained for the purpose. An eligible lot has been purchased and it is probable that a church will be erected if services should be continued another year.

Report of the Rev. George W. Natt, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Philadelphia.

Congregation, families about 20, adults 60, children 40, total 100; baptisms, adults 4, infants 13, total 17; confirmed 11; communicants, added 8, died or removed 5, present number 27; marriages 2; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 87, other days 56, total 143; children catechized in the Sunday school, monthly; Sunday school 1, male teachers 2, female teachers 10, pupils about 100; collections, Episcopal Fund $4 25, Convention Fund $2 75, Society Advancement of Christianity $10, Missionary and other purposes $195 20, total $212 20. Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none. Amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, about $2000. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, $500 per annum, no arrears.

Report of the Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 17, total 24; confirmed 26; communicants, added 38, died or removed 4, present number 434; marriages 17; burials 11; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 130, total 234; children catechized every month; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 18, scholars 136; female 2, teachers 28, scholars 311, total schools 3, teachers 44, scholars 447; Bible classes 2, pupils 27; collections, Episcopal Fund $150; Convention Fund $40; Missionary and other purposes $3754 11, total $3944 11; Rector's salary $2500, paid punctually; church debt $3000.

Report of the Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia

Congregation about 250 families; baptisms, adults 15, infants 122, total 137; confirmed 35; communicants, added 54, died or removed 44, present number 376; marriages 41; burials 27; public services, on Sundays 107, holy days and daily 692, at Christ Church Hospital 25, total 824; children catechized, on the last Sunday in the month, on all the holy days, and on Fridays 93; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 8, pupils 65, female 1, teachers 28, pupils 190; infant 1, teachers 6, pupils 53, day school 1, teachers 3, pupils 155; Bible and catechetical classes 3, teachers 3, pupils 110; collections, Episcopal Fund $150, Convention Fund $75; Soc. Adv. of Christianity $350; Missionary and other purposes $4839 45, total $5414 45; special distribution of charities $608 26; rector's salary $2450, punctually paid; church debt $9350; church property, exclusive of building and lot $9270.

The Rector reports, with pleasure, that a vigorous effort is making in the congregation to raise $15000 to pay off the church debt, and for other parochial purposes.

He has officiated, as usual, during 6 months of the past year as a chaplain in Christ Church Hospital.

Report of the Rev. F. Ogilby, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 15; confirmed 13; communicants, died or removed 11, added 18, total on list corrected since last year 190; married 7; buried 6; services, on Sundays 104, week days 68. The Sunday school meets twice every Sunday, under the instruction of fourteen efficient teachers. There are male and female Bible classes. It is hoped that this department of the parish will be enlarged during the present year. Arrangements have been completed for opening a parish school, under an experienced teacher, on the 1st of September next. The Rector is also happy to report that the sum of $1200, which we undertook to raise, in order to pay off all debts incurred by the parish, has been completely made up. The only debt of the church now is a permanent mortgage of $2000, and one or two bonds of $100. Two creditors, one a parishioner, generously relinquished claims against the church to the amount of $1400. Measures have already been commenced to create a sinking fund to pay off the mortgage. The income of the church, notwithstanding the loss of $200 a year for the rent of the school-rooms, has increased during the past year.

Collections for parish and other objects, not including the offertory

at communions, have amounted to $330 29. The Rector's salary has been paid.

The Rev. Wm. H. Paddock, District Missionary in Western Pennsylvania

Reports that from the rising of the last Convention to the first of July following, severe illness prevented him from performing any official duty; that while he has visited various other parts of Western Pennsylvania, his services have been mostly confined to six counties around Pittsburgh; that, in addition to Sunday services throughout his district, he has held, in connection with his clerical brethren in various parishes, since the first of December, two missionary services on the Thursday of each week, the month of February excepted, for the Diocesan Missionary Society; (the services are now continued every Thursday for eight months in the year,) the results of which are an annual subscription at 6¼ cents per week for each member, of $357, and increasing quarterly, together with great temporal and spiritual progress; that, besides assisting in the erection of several churches, he has superintended the building of Christ Church, Greensburg, (a beautiful Gothic brick edifice with 300 sittings,) which, together with St. Paul's, Mount Braddock, the Bishop consecrated to the service of Almighty God in the first week of the present month; and that he has travelled, in the performance of his duty, on an average of nearly one hundred miles per week.

Report of the Rev. R. O. Page, Rector of Christ Church, Danville, Montour Co.

Baptisms, infants 23, adult 1, total 24; confirmed 11; communicants, added 22, died or removed 6, present number 76;* marriages 5; burials 14; public services—their constancy and regularity somewhat interrupted by sickness during the winter—on days other than Sunday 16; Sunday school 1, teachers 9, pupils 95; children catechized weekly; collections, Bishop White Prayer-Book Society $8, Convocation Fund $8 54, Convention Fund $5 62, Sunday school $14 75, Church Building Fund $8 50, Christmas Fund $13 90, other purposes $262 54, total $316 23.

Rector's salary, besides a house, is $500, and is promptly paid. In addition to the salary, being unwilling the Rector should suffer for want of support, the parish have kindly made up in gratuities during the winter about $175 in money, besides other gifts.

In addition to the above a third service is had semi-monthly in St. James' Church, Derry.

* The number of communicants should have been reported as 60 in the last report, (see page 118 of Journal of 1853,) but was omitted by mistake.

Report of the Rev. George Lewis Platt, Rector of the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 75; baptisms, adults 1, infants 39, total 40; confirmed 21; communicants, added 2, died or removed 8, present number 100; marriages 8; burials 13; public serviees, on Sundays 103, other days 28, total 131; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 14, pupils 135, female 2, teachers 18, pupils 170, total, schools 4, teachers 32, pupils 305; Bible classes 2, members 32; collections, missionary, charitable and other purposes $337 39, for gallery for Sunday-school scholars $400, proceeds of fair, collections and subseriptions for church indebtedness and current expenses $1444, total $2181 39; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, Sunday-school building and lot; amount of indebtedness of the chureh of the parish, for current expenses $600; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $900.

The church is located in an improving neighborhood, and with an evidently increasing interest in its prosperity and usefulness, there is good reason to hope that it will soon have a well-established eongregation, and by its services, its Sunday schools and its Dorcas Society, become still more widely a means of blessed influence among a once negleeted population.

Report of the Rev. A. Prior, Rector of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families 29, adults 61, children 55, total 116; baptisms, infants 10; confirmed 4; communicants, added 4, died or removed 3, present number 22; marriages 3; burials 5; public serviee, on Sundays 85, other days 2, total 87; children catechized, as often as practicable; Sunday school 1, teaehers 8, pupils 75; Bible class 1, members 12; collections, Convention Fund $5, Soc. Adv. of Christianity $5, missionary and other purposes $150, total $160; statistics of parish—amount of indebtednes of the church of the parish about $1300; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $150; arrears of salary about $40.

The Rector continues to officiate at Heckeherville. Connected with this mission is a Sunday school, numbering about 60 pupils, with the requisite number of teachers. This part of Schuylkill County is filling up rapidly with a mining population, and presents an encouraging field for missionary labor. I purpose, therefore, not only to continue, but to extend the sphere of my missionary operations to other portions not embraeed in the Heckeherville distriet. From this mission I receive $100.

Report of the Rev. C. W. Quick, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh.

Baptisms, infants 10; communicants, added 5, died 4, present number 76; funerals 17; public services, on Sundays 107, other days 69, total 173; Sunday school, teachers 15, scholars 128; Revenue, $1250; collections, Convention Fund $5, charitable objects $80.

Report of Rev. Samuel Randall, Rector of St. James' Church, Allegheny County.

Congregation, families 33; adults 79, children 71, total 150; baptisms, adult 1, infant 12, total 13; confirmed 13; communicants, added 17, died or removed 15, present number 40; marriages 3; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 6, total 106; children catechized 10 times; Sunday school, teachers 18, pupils about 100; collections, Convention Fund $7, Female Prayer-Book Society $11, for the poor and other purposes $64, total $82; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $800.

Of the 33 families reported to the last Convention, seventeen only remained when the present minister took charge a year ago. The prospects of the parish are brightening. A substantial brick church edifice for its use is to be finished in December. It will be built in the most economical manner consistent with durability and good taste. It will have from seven to eight hundred sittings; and it is confidently hoped that hundreds of the operative classes, so numerous in its neighborhood, will be found statedly worshipping within its walls.

Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Congregation, families 120, embracing of adults and children about 600 persons; communicants, added 41, died or removed 12, total 227; baptisms, 16 children and 3 adults, total 19; confirmed 7; marriages 5; funerals 16; the Sunday school numbers 140 in regular attendance, under the tuition of about 20 regular teachers; collections, for missionary and benevolent purposes, together with the contributions of the Ladies' Association, have amounted to $600 during the year, and $400 have been expended on the church from the surplus contingent fund; the salary of the Rector ($1060) is paid punctually and quarterly in advance.

Report of the Rev. Joel Rudderow, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, Columbia County.

Congregation, same as last year; baptisms, adults 2, infants 7, total 9; confirmed 5; communicants, added 4, died or removed 5, struck

off the list 2; present number 113; marriages 6; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 70, other days 10, total 80. I have no means at present of making an accurate report of the Sunday schools and Bible classes. They however continue to flourish, and a correct statement would vary but little from that made last year. Church property, same as reported heretofore; church debt, has been nearly or entirely liquidated since I resigned my charge; collections, for Diocesan Missions $7 07, church debt $33 88, Convention Fund $5 71, domestic missions $12 77; convocation fund $8 31; Christmas fund $9, foreign missions $12 50, total $88 74.

I vacated this parish on the 8th of February, 1854, and while it gives me pleasure to bear witness to the universal kindness with which I have been treated, not being able to recall a single instance of unpleasantness between myself and a parishioner during this my first charge, I feel it due the parish to state that my salary for the last year, of $550, was considerably overpaid, many having paid me for the entire year, whereas I was engaged in pastoral duties with them only during three-quarters of the year.

Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond.

I took charge of this parish February 8th, 1854, since which time there have been, baptisms, adults 4, infants 5, total 9; communicants, added 5, removed 1, present number (as taken from the list) 45; marriages 1; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 28, other days 18, total 46; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 6, pupils 45, female 1, teachers 6, pupils 48, total, schools 2, teachers 12, pupils 93; church property and debt same as last year; collections, Diocesan Church Extension $8 25, Convention Fund $5, Missionary and other purposes $24 94, total $38 19; Rector's salary $400.

Report of the Rev. Theodore S. Rumney, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, and of Grace Church, Menallen Township, Fayette County.

St. Peter's Church, Uniontown.

Congregation, families 35, adults 107, infants and children 65, total 172; baptisms, adults 2, infants 6 total 8; communicants, added 7, died or removed 3, present number 48; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 68, other days 30, total 98; children catechized monthly in the Church; Sunday school 1, teachers, male 2, female 10, total 12; scholars, male 25, female 55, total 80; collections, for Missionary, Church repairs and other purposes, $336 62.

Property other than the Church building and lot, none; amount of

indebtedness of the Church of the Parish, none; amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive $300; arrears of salary, none. We are thankful to report our Parish *free* of debt. The old long standing indebtedness, through the kindness of friends and the exertions of the Ladies, has been entirely removed, while the same faithful laborers in God's vineyard have, during the past winter realized, by another Fair, a full sufficiency to meet all other liabilities of the Church incurred in finishing the interior. We are now preparing to finish the exterior, which we hope to do without involving the Church in debt, by the means of our own strenuous efforts, and a little aid from our friends abroad. The number of public services is smaller than usual, on account of the Rector's absence for four months.

Grace Church, Menallen.

Services have been held regularly in the Church, on the afternoons of the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The attendance is always good, and though we can as yet report no additions to the number of communicants, the Almighty is now operating upon some hearts, whom we hope soon to welcome among the acknowledged followers of the Lord Jesus. Many who attend the Church are members of some religious denomination, yet are constant in their attendance upon our services.

An interest has been awakened in the Church, and it is hoped before long, that a vestry-room and tower will be added, which will give the building a more *Churchlike* appearance. The present number of communicants is 6.

Report of Rev. Peter Russell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's, Summit Hill, Carbon County.

St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk.

Congregation, families 32, adults 82, children 80, total 162; baptisms, adults 2, infants 15, total 17; confirmed 6; communicants, added 9, removed 2, present number 30; marriages 5, burials 10, public services, on Sundays 80, other days 10, total 90; children catechized monthly; Sunday school 1, teachers 8, pupils 60; Bible class 1, members 12; collections, Episcopal Fund $2, Convention Fund $2, Domestic Missions $5, Christmas Fund $10, Church Building $10, Parochial purposes $5 84, total $613.

Parish free from debt. A lot of ground for a Parsonage was purchased during the year, costing $150; also, a Melodeon, costing $160; salary $300; no arrears.

I continue holding service at the village of Nesquehoning, on

alternate Sunday evenings. Number of services during the year, 25.

I also held 12 services at Rock Port, and 11 at White Haven on the Upper Lehigh. I was, however, compelled to give up these places last winter, in consequence of the removal of the Rev. Mr. Christman from this region to Pottstown.

St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill.

Congregation, families 25, adults 70, children 62, total 132; baptisms, adults 1, infants 7, total 8; confirmed 4; communicants, added 4, died 1, present number 26; burials 2, public services, on Sundays 70, on other days 5, total 75; Sunday school 1, teachers 7, scholars 60; collections, Episcopal Fund $2, Convention Fund $2, Domestic Missions $5, Church Building $10, Parochial purposes $75, total $94.

For statistics of Parish, see last report. No specified salary is promised. Paid last year, $160. This Parish would increase much more rapidly than it does, were it not for the changes and removals which are constantly taking place in the population. The field, however, is an important one, and should receive the undivided attention of Clergymen.

The services reported above, include those performed by the Rev. Mr. Christman, who was associated with me until last February; since then I have had the entire charge of the congregation.

Report of Rev. Geo. Sheetz, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford.

Baptisms, infants 5; marriages 9; communicants about 25; salary paid $625.

As a thorough repair of this ancient Church-edifice was commenced in Advent, there was only the opportunity of making a collection for Domestic Missions, on the first Sunday, of five dollars. Services in the Church were necessarily discontinued for the winter, but the Rector found ample scope for labor, by having a routine of appointments at Tacony, Sandyhill, Fox Chase, and Milestown, which were gratefully received and most satisfactorily performed. The Rector is happy in knowing that he leaves the sphere of long continued efforts in cordial and mutual fellowship with all the different denominations of Orthodox Christians. And, with unfeigned gratitude for the many obligations conferred on him by his particular charge, his most earnest prayers are, for the continual dew of God's blessing upon them and theirs, in this and in the world to come.

Report of the Rev. G. M. Skinner, Rector of the Parish of St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehanna County.

Congregation, families 33, adults 80, children 32, total 112; bap-

tisms, adult 1; confirmed 2; communicants, added 4, died 2, removed 2, present number 42; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 63, other days 35, total 98; children catechized 16, times 10; Sunday school 1, teachers 5, pupils 23; Bible class 1, members 5; collections, Episcopal Fund $4, Convention Fund $3 50, Soc. Adv. of Christianity $10 50, Missionary and other purposes $126 10; Sunday school for For. Missions $2. Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish $750; indebtedness none. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $200; arrears of salary $7 50.

Grace Church, Lodersville.

Congregation, familes 26, adults 45, children 25, total 68; baptism, infant 1; communicants, added 1, removed 1, present number 7; burials 2; services, on Sundays 48. Our Church is not yet completed for want of funds.

Report of Jacob L. Smith, Warden of St. Jude's Church, Spring Garden, Philada.

Congregation, familes 42; communicants, added 1, died or removed 8, present number 56; public services, on Sundays 98, other days 4, total 102; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 8, pupils 85; female 1, teachers 12, pupils 97, total, schools 2, teachers 20, pupils 182, Bible class 1, members 8; collections, Missionary and other purposes $351.

There is no debt for ground rent; no other property belonging to the Church. Amount of salary the Clergyman is entitled to receive, $1200.

The Rectorship has been vacant for the last ten months, but the Rev. E. Lounsbery has been called, and accepted the charge of the Parish, and will enter upon his duties the first Sunday of this month.

Report of the Rev. J. Brinton Smith, Rector of St. James' Church, Kingsessing Township, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 6, infants 14, total 20; confirmed 16; communicants, added 17, died or removed 7, suspended 1, present number 80; marriages 5; burials 18; public services, on Sundays 105, other days 52, total 157; collections, Episcopal Fund $14; Convention Fund $6 87, Missionary and other purposes $309 22, total $330 02. The debt on the Parsonage the same as last year reported.

The Rector's salary is punctually paid. It affords me great pleasure to be able to report that the Church building is in process of enlargement. Its capacity will be increased by fifty odd pews, and its whole appearance much improved.

Report of the Rev. Joseph H. Smith, Jr., Rector of Calvary Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 6, children 65, total 71; confirmed 19; communicants, added 35, died or removed 11, present number 105; marriages 35; burials 60; public services, on Sundays 111, other days 203, total 314; children catechized 160, times 51; Sunday school 1, teachers 27, pupils 160, Bible class 1, members 35; collections, charities about home $120 39, maintenance of church and school $880, school house and organ funds, and improvements to church and grounds 439 19, total $1439 49.

Statistics of the Parish. The lot at the north side of the Church, 30 by 100 feet, is held for our use; and it is our purpose to erect on it a school-house and parsonage. There *was* a mortgage of $3000 upon the church edifice, whereof *one thousand* dollars have been paid during the past year; the *interest* on the mortgage has always been met by the rent of the store and stable now occupying the parsonage lot. The salary is $400, on which there are no arrears.

In consequence of the peculiar character of this congregation I am not able to report the number of families and individuals comprising it; if I should return all who occasionally attend this church and go nowhere else, and who depend entirely upon me for the ministrations of religion while living, and for the burial of their dead, I would give a far too flattering account of our success here; while on the other hand a report embracing those only whose names are down as regular contributors of stated sums, would fall below the number who rightly belong here.

The accompanying report of ministerial acts conveys the best idea of our present condition.

Thanks to God, blessing on the persevering efforts of "The Ladies' Missionary Association of Christ Church, Philadelphia," this MONUMENT TO BISHOP WHITE is now completed, with the exception of the *spire*, which is to be the gift of the Sunday Schools of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia; about three-fourths of the required sum is already received and invested.

As soon as the mortgage on the church is paid by the Missionary Association before named, we hope to begin our school house, which is greatly needed for the accommodation of the Sunday school, and also of a Parish school.

Report of the Rev. Richard Smith, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County, &c.

Congregation, families 34; baptisms, infants 2; at St. Luke's, Char-

tiers, adult 1, children 5; confirmed, at St. Luke's, Chartiers, 11, one in private, present number 18; marriage 1; burials 1; public services, on Sundays 14; Sunday schools, male 3, school 1, teachers 7, pupils 25; Bible class 1, members 9.

Statistics of parish. At St. Luke's, Chartiers, public services, on Sundays 42; at Mount Washington, Grace Church, 2; other acts have been performed at Pittsburgh besides my Missionary duties.

Your Missionary labored only part of the year at Waterford, Erie County, leaving them more numerous and in a better condition than he found them four years before. I was called in June to the duties of City Missionary at Pittsburgh, and also took charge of St. Luke's Church, at Chartiers Creek; I have since been elected their Rector here, and have labored with more encouragement than any place I have labored before, with every prospect of building up a settled congregation.

I also commenced services at Lawrenceville, and preached once in two weeks till Lent, during which I preached every Sunday at Chartiers. Since I have commenced holding public services at McKee's Rocks, with encouraging prospects of building a small church, I have had from 20 to 30 adults in attendance some three times I have been there; lately I have been called to give services at Grace Church, Mount Washington, where I have given three services; thus though well stricken in years, you may see I have used some diligence. In my City Missionary duties I really felt the promise fulfilled: In watering others, God has mercifully watered and blessed my own soul. O for more of that spirit and zeal which influenced our Divine Master, that we may follow His example in doing good to men and glorifying God.

Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown.

Congregation, families about 100; baptisms, adults 2, children 22, total 24; communicants, added 5, died or removed 10, present number 105; confirmed 12; marriages 13; burials 24; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 45, total 145; Sunday school 1, teachers 28, scholars 150; collections, Episcopal Fund $8 76, Convention Fund $8, Missionary and other purposes $125, total $141 76.

Report of the Rev. William Bacon Stevens, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 338, total 1347; baptisms, adults 9, infants 27, total 36; confirmed 21; communicants, added 34, died or removed

29, present number 629; marriages 20; burials 22, public services, on Sundays 108, other days 43, total 151; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 20, pupils 173, female 2, teachers 26, pupils 274, infant schools 2, teachers 3, pupils 150, Bible classes 3, members 61, total, teachers 52, pupils 657; collections, Episcopal Fund $150, Convention Fund $123, Missionary and other purposes $11,631, total $11,804.

Amount of indebtedness of the Parish, $4,000; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive $3,000, arrears none.

Report of the Rev. J. A. Stone, Rector of Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Schuylkill County.

The present incumbent of this parish having so recently taken charge, is unable to give correctly, the required statistics. He would, however, report the baptism of three infants.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle has been re-organized, and the members have entered upon their work with much earnestness and spirit.

"Cottage Lectures" have been established with the prospect of accomplishing decided good. There are various encouraging indications that this young parish, with due care and attention, will become one of influence and importance.

The undersigned, during his temporary connection, the past year, with St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, and as missionary in Moyamensing, was engaged every Sunday in assisting the Rector, or in officiating in other churches in the city or vicinity. During the week his time was fully occupied in performing parochial and missionary duty, of which a large city presents so wide a field.

Marriages 4; infant baptisms 26; burials 19.

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 200, total 1200; baptisms, adults 8, infants 33, total 41; confirmed 19; communicants, added 24, died or removed 28, present number 506; marriages 16; burials 20; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 75, total 179; children catechized; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 15, pupils 135, female 1, teachers 31, pupils 187, total, schools 2, teachers 46, pupils 322; Bible classes 2, members 71; collections, Episcopal Fund $150, Missionary and other purposes $5800, total $5950. Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, between $3 and $4000; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, $2500; arrears of salary, none.

Another effort has been made during the past year to reduce the ground-rent debt of the church edifice. Nearly $3000 have been thus appropriated, leaving about $4000 still unpaid. The children of the Sunday Schools under the influence and example of their teachers have shown a remarkable spirit of zeal and liberality in the cause of missions, by contributing nearly one thousand dollars for the education of children in Africa, and the support of the Gospel in our own Diocese. It is to be hoped that the habit which is thus cherished will grow stronger and stronger, and that the missionary spirit thus early developed will lead many of them to consecrate themselves in future life to the great work of serving God in their generation, by preaching the everlasting Gospel.

Report of the Rev. Joseph P. Taylor.

Christ Church, New Brighton.

Infant baptisms 12; communicants, added 2, removed 3, present number 27; marriages 5; burials 4; Sunday school teachers 10, children under instruction 70; collections, Convention Fund $2, Disabled Clergymen $7 37, objects within the parish $70, in all $79 37.

During the months of July, August and September, while I was absent on a visit in Europe, Rev. Dr. Berry, of the Diocese of Ohio, held my place, and regularly sustained the services of the church, and carefully attended to the wants of the people committed to my charge.

Trinity Church, Rochester.

Once a month I have held a single service in this parish, when I have had a congregation of 40 or 50 persons. This is the only public religious service held in the place. *There is no church edifice, no resident minister of any Christian name within the limits of the town;* and Rochester has a population of a thousand, which is daily increasing. Will not wealthy churchmen of the Diocese aid me in an effort which I am now making to build a church at this place?

Trinity Church, New Castle.

On urgent solicitation I took this parish under my pastoral care in the month of June, promising to give it what aid and time I had in my power to bestow. A room which for a time can be occupied as a church has been obtained, and an active missionary is now assisting

me in this field of duty. A legacy, known as the Andrews' property, in value about $4000, came into the possession of this parish by the decease of Mrs. Andrews in May last.

Number of families 28; communicants 14. There have been no baptisms in the past year.

Report of the Rev. Richard Temple, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette County.

Congregation, about 48 families; baptisms, adults 3, infants 13, total 16; confirmed 2; communicants, added 4, died or removed 12, present number about 50; marriage 1; burials 6; public services 115; Sunday schools 2, teachers and pupils about 219. Rector's salary $500 and the parsonage; arrears of salary, none; church property other than church and lot, $2000, parsonage and sexton's house. Contributions for benevolent purposes $2464.

In addition to stated labors at Brownsville, occasional services have been held at St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington county, and, also, at West Brownsville, where a small church is to be erected as soon as a convenient lot can be secured. Through the liberality of friends in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the necessary funds have been raised.

During the past year we have suffered much by the removal of nine Episcopal families from Brownsville.

Report of the Rev. Anthony Ten Brœck, Rector of St. James the Less, North Penn Township, Philadelphia.

The undersigned accepted the call to the Rectorship, on the 6th of May, 1853, entered upon the duties of the office on the 24th of July, and was instituted by the Bishop on the first Sunday in September. He has to report: baptisms, adults 2, infants 11, total 13; communicants, added 14, removed 2, ordained 1, present number 33; burials 5 (of which 3 were of persons non-resident); public services, on Sundays 81, other days 388, total (since July 24th) 469. The Lord's Supper is administered on every Lord's day, and on Christmas and Ascension day.

It is impossible to state in the present report, with any certainty of being accurate, the number of families belonging to the parish. There are no pew-holders, and nothing but a Rector's list will supply the information. The present incumbent found nothing of the sort, and is under the necessity of having one made. Circumstances known to the Bishop, have interfered with full parochial work until quite re-

cently. A plan of visitation is now in operation, which will result, it is hoped, in a complete view of this charge.

The Rector's Warden will furnish a portion of the statistics noted in the published form of Parochial Report.

Special and General collections, Convention Fund $8 20, Missionary and other objects $432 32, receipts from all sources other than for building, rectory and hall, $1884 86.

Report of the Rev. Charles West Thomson, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York County.

Baptisms, infants 9; confirmed 3; communicants, added 8, died or removed 10, present number 57; marriages 4; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 28, total 132; children catechized 12 times; Sunday school, male teachers 4, pupils 23, female teachers 11, puplis 27, infant school, pupils, male 12, female 22, total, teachers 15, pupils 84; collections, Convention Fund $27 02, Missionary purposes $52 53, total $79 55. The only property the parish holds besides the church edifice and lot, are the parsonage and ground belonging thereto, and the building mentioned below.

We have been obliged by the neeessity of providing better accommodation for our Sunday School, though very unwillingly, to increase our indebtedness by the erection of a plain but neat frame building, which is used for a Lecture and Sunday School room. Our debt may now be estimated at about $800, but we are at present engaged in an effort to pay it off, and hope to be able to do so at no very distant day.

The amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive is $600, of which there are no arrears.

Report of the Rev. R. S. Trapier, Missionary to Seamen in the Port of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 55, adults 74, children 75, total 149; baptisms, adults 2, infants 33, total 35; confirmed 10; communicants, added 10, died or removed 13, present number about 60. The number of communicants is very fluctuating, many of them being sailors who are never long in one place. Marriages 4; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 2, total 106; children catechized frequently; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 1, pupils 12, female 1, teachers 2, pupils 30, total, schools 2, teachers 3, pupils about 40; no property owned; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, $1000; arrears of salary, none.

Notwithstanding the disadvantage under which we at present labor,

in not being provided with a suitable house of worship, I am thankful to be able to report favorably of the mission; the congregation not only holds together but slowly and steadily increases, several seamen with their families having during the past year been added to the church. The attendance on the services is very encouraging. If we could be provided with a proper edifice, in a convenient and conspicuous situation, I have no doubt that an increase of worshippers would at once reward the efforts of those interested in the work.

The interest felt in the mission has never been greater on the part of those for whom it is designed, and the demand for books proves that the minds of sailors are awakened to the importance of religious knowledge. I have distributed since 1st of May, 1853, Bibles 300, Prayer Books 475, other religious books 370, besides a great many tracts. Since the commencement of the mission, there have been distributed Bibles upwards of 2000, Prayer Books upwards of 3000, and other books 3000. There have been baptized, adults 35, children 180, total 215; confirmed 75 (of these 26 were seamen).

It rests with "the Church" to say whether this mission shall be adequately sustained or not—that it still struggles on successfully under many discouraging and impeding circumstances, is proof that "God favorably alloweth our charitable work," in the effort to preach His Gospel to the sailor. May He still further bless the work by stirring up the minds and opening the hearts of His people to perfect that which has been begun.

Report of the Rev. H. Tullidge, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester Co.

Congregation, families 55, adults 135, children 64, total 199; baptisms, infants 3; communicants, added 6, died or removed 6, present number 48; marriages 2; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 61, other days 15, total 76; children catechized frequently; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 30; collections, Episcopal Fund $4, Convention Fund $6 50, Diocesan Missionary Society $6 25, Missionary and other purposes $44 52, total $55 02; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, see last year's report; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, none; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, $500; arrears of salary, none.

Having accepted an invitation from the vestry of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, Columbia county, I have resigned the charge of this parish to take effect on the 1st Sunday in June next. In coming to this conclusion, I have experienced a deep reluctance to part with a congregation, from whom, during a ministry of eight years amongst them, I have received continual evidences of unvarying kindness and attach-

ment. If I were to consult only my affection for them, I might truly say with the Apostle, "it were in my heart to live and die with them." But a strong persuasion that I can be more useful in the field which has been opened to me, has decided me to make the change. May the gracious Lord of the vineyard speedily send here a faithful and zealous laborer.

Report of the Rev. E. M. Van Deusen, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Alleghany County.

Congregation, families 53, adults 162, children 154, total 316; baptisms, adults 6, infants 32, total 38; confirmed 20; communicants, added 43, died or removed 6, present number 88; marriages 5; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 92, other days 120, total 212; children catechized 11 times; Sunday school 1, teachers 16, pupils 120; collection, Missionary and other purposes $475; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, accounts not yet received from the treasurer of Trinity Church; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, $1500; salary paid in advance quarterly.

Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

In consequence of more than usually imperfect health, my ministerial labors during the past twelve-months have been comparatively inconsiderable. On several occasions I have aided my clerical brethren in the city, both in the pulpit and desk; but the principal portion of my services have been rendered to destitute churches, the sick, the dying, the afflicted, and an Institution designed for the reformation of degraded females.

I have baptized one child, solemnized two marriages, officiated at two funerals, and attended to my duties as Secretary of the "Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America."

Report of the Rev. A. Varian, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville.

Within the past year there have been in this parish 4 baptisms; 11 persons confirmed; 2 marriages; communicants, deceased 3; removed 9; present number 103; added 15; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 91, on other days 58; children catechized in church the

first Sunday in every month; Sunday school constant throughout the year, about 100 scholars with a competent number of teachers; collections, for contingent expenses $91 31, Convention Fund $5 30, Advancement Society $12, Domestic Missions (Advent) $17 24, Christmas Fund $15 37, for alms disbursed $5 29, for the Parsonage Fund $56 31.

The exterior of the church has been painted within the year at an expense of about $180. The subscription list has been filled up for the liquidation of all claims against the parish, which when paid will extinguish all debts up to August, 1853. The Rector's salary $500 per annum, is in arrears for part of the half year ending March 25th 1854.

The Ladies' Sewing Society continues to render efficient aid to the parish.

Report of the Rev. John A. Vaughan, D.D.

The undersigned has continued, during the year, in charge of the Protestant Episcopal Female Institute, as Rector. He has also continued his connection with the mission on Market street, near 21st street, resigning its pastoral duties to the Rev. E. DeWolf on the 1st of January last. The Sunday school of this mission has been chiefly supported by the pupils and teachers of the school above named.

He has, during the year, preached 23 times and officiated several times in the communion. He has married one couple, baptized 2 children, and officiated at 3 funerals.

Report of the Rev. George Herbert Walsh.

Immediately after the last meeting of the Convention I resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Bellefonte, and became the Assistant Minister of the Church of the Epiphany, Philada.

In consequence of the indisposition and death of its esteemed Rector, the charge of the parish has devolved principally upon myself. A list of my ministerial acts is embodied in the report of the vestry of the church presented to the Convention.

Report of the Rev. Daniel Washburn, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families 113, adults about 200, children about 300, total about 500; baptisms, adults 4, infants 39, total 43; confirmed 18; communicants, added 28, died or removed 7, present number

102; marriages 14; burials 22; public services, on Sundays 135, other days 49, total 184; children catechized weekly by the lay catechumens, and frequently in a body by the Rector, who always opens their Sunday School exercises when not called away; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 7, pupils 140, female 1, teachers 26, pupils 180, total, schools 2, teachers 33, pupils 320; Bible classes 2, members 25; collections, Episcopal Fund $26 34, Convention Fund $9 11, Christmas Fund $29 59, Foreign Missions $20, Domestic Missions $34 50, Hospital, Port Richmond $15 76, furnishing free pews, Sunday school and other purposes $579 44; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, Mount Laurel Cemetery, a well situated lot of between 4 and 6 acres, on which, since its purchase, several hundred dollars have been expended; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, for wall and improvement of churchyard, and for additional accommodations for the Sunday schools, some $300, which amount is balanced by pew-rents yet unpaid; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, $1000; arrears of salary, none.

The foregoing will enable you, Rt. Rev. Sir, to form a definite opinion of the affairs of the church in this parish. With much of its present aspect your visit during Easter week has made you familiar. I may add that a corps of our ladies, meeting weekly for the purpose at their various residences in rotation, has rendered, during the winter season, efficient aid to the suffering poor.

Of the spiritual condition of the congregation I need hardly speak after your recent personal observation, and will, therefore, only say, that while we have great occasion for gratitude in the evidences that the Lord is with us, we have still greater occasion to pray more and more, "O Lord, take not Thy Holy Spirit from us," and to "give Him no rest till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

Patiently persevering in holding occasional services at St. Clair's, I am happy to inform you that a lot of ground is at length secured, on which we may hope under Divine blessing to erect a building for the "Church of the Holy Apostles," whose nominal existence on the records of the Diocese was barely preserved by the requisite formality of our Missionary application in 1853.

At the County Prison on the first Sunday of every month, I preach the Gospel "to them that are bound," and to the jailor's family, (Acts xii. 16.) asking not *cui bono?* but desiring only that light may shine in the prison (xii. 7,) and that some, asking 'what must I do to be saved?' may be taught (xvi. 30, 31, &c.,) to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Report of the Rev. W. E. Webb, Rector of Grace Church, Hulmeville, St. Luke's, Newtown, and St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, Bucks County.

Grace Church, Hulmeville.

Families 18; baptisms, adults 2, infants 3, total 5; confirmed 5; communicants, added 2, died 1, removed 1, present number 34; marriage 1, burial 1, Sunday school 1, teachers 10, pupils 83; contribution to the Convention Fund $2; property other than the church building and lot, a Sunday school room and cemetery; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive, $100; no arrears.

Since the last Convention, the church has been painted, provided with lamps, refurnished neatly, and substantially enclosed, and a lot of ground 30 feet by 180 added to the original property. For all which improvements it is mainly indebted to the ladies of the congregation. The prospects of this church are still encouraging, and we believe the day is not distant when this people shall realize, (even yet more fully than they now do) that their labor has not been in vain in the Lord.

St. Luke's Church, Newtown.

Families 12; baptisms, adults 3, infants 2, total 5; confirmations 5; communicants, added 4, died 1, removed 1, present number 14; marriage 1; burials 2; collection for Convention Fund $2; Sunday school 1; property other than the church building and lot, sexton's house, two school-rooms and cemetery.

Within the past year this church has been repaired at a cost of over $500, for which it is under obligations, chiefly to friends at a distance. The congregation has recently experienced a severe loss in the death of its Senior Warden.

St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville.

Families 14; baptisms, adults 2; communicants, added 2, present number 14; burials 3; property other than the church building and lot, a Sunday school room and cemetery, the latter has recently been enlarged.

Since the last report, a long impending debt of $150 has been removed by the kindness of a friend in the city. The Rector has continued to officiate here semi-monthly, as last reported. He feels however, that a service so seldom is insufficient to meet the wants of the church in so growing and thriving a village. Other charges, however, occupying a large portion of his time, prohibit a more frequent

attendanee. In addition to the above labors, a semi-monthly service (in favorable weather) has been held at Pineville, where the erection of a small chapel is in eontemplation so soon as a suitable lot can be procured. Oeeasions of service the past year in the various churches about 160.

Report of the Rev. H. Hastings Weld, Rector of St. James' Church, Downingtown, Chester county.

Congregation, families 46, adults 156, children 90, total 246; baptisms 6; confirmed 9; eommunicants, added 10, died or removed 7, present number 40; marriages 5; burials 7; publie services, on Sundays 100, other days 3, total 103; children eatechized 40, times 12; Sunday sehools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 21; female 1, teachers 4, pupils 45; total schools 2, teachers 6, pupils 58; Bible class 1, members 12; eollections, County Mission to Alms House and Prison $20, Bibles, &c., for distribution $7 50, Sunday sehool, for Library and Missions $7, Foreign Missions $5, Convention Fund $5, Christmas Fund $5, Diocesan Missions $3, offertory and eollections for Parochial and contingent expenses $66 50, total $119. In addition to the above $91 have been raised for the repairs of Church and enclosure of grave yard, making a total of $210.

The Parish owns a Rectory, and the debt on that and the Church is $950. The Reetor's salary is $200, and there are no arrears.

Report of the Rev. William White, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler County.

Congregation, families 46, adults 100, children 104; communieants, died 1, total 40; marriages 2; burials 2; baptisms 8; public services, on Sundays 103, other days 15, total 118; Sunday school, teachers 6, scholars 40; collections, Prayer book $4, Missions $7 25, Christmas Fund $5 50, Parish Library $5, Advancement Society $10, Convention Fund $5 05, other purposes $30, total $66 80.

My salary from the Parish for the present year is $300, which is nearly all paid, and to my other duties is added that of teaching in the Academy of the County.

Report of the Rev. John Williamson, Deacon.

The above was ordained to the Holy order of Deacons, in St. James' Church, Lancaster, January 22nd, 1854. He continued engaged as assistant teacher to the Rev. H. A Coit, in one of the Schools connect-

ed with that Church until 24th March, during which time he has received no salary.

He has since that period been employed as assistant, by the Rev. R. Newton, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia. He has either by himself celebrated or assisted in celebrating Divine service some 31 times; assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion once; baptized 2 infants; assisted in baptizing 2 adults, and officiated at 2 funerals. He has also been engaged in visiting the Hospital and Alms House (at Lancaster), where he taught a Bible class of about 12 persons.

Besides the usual duties of Assistant Minister, he is now engaged in finding out and visiting those who belong to no communion, and inviting them to free seats in St. Paul's Church. From his experience in this work, he believes that if it was sustained by the cordial sympathy of the Church members, it would, in a great measure remove from the Protestant Episcopal Church, the imputation of its being "the Church of the rich," and be the means of bringing back many who have wandered away from us. Salary $400.

Report of the Rev. F. S. Wiley, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 125; baptisms, adults 6, children 34, total 40; confirmed 22; communicants, added 52, died or removed 29, total 184; marriages 15; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 30, total 130; children catechized monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 10, pupils 70, female 1, teachers 15, pupils 17, infant 1, teacher 1, pupils 90, Young Men's Bible Association 1, members 25, Young Ladies' 1, members 20, male Bible Class 1, members 8, female Bible Class 32, total under instruction 415; collections, Episcopal Fund $12 19, Convention Fund $12 19, Missionary Association for the West $20, Diocesan Missionary Society $13 44, Foreign Missions $31, Evangelical Knowledge Society $50, the sufferers at New Orleans $75, Sunday School Missionary Society $130, Ladies' Charitable League, $85, Offertory $84, total $510 82.

The enlargement to which reference was made in the last report, has been begun and completed within the year. The extension has furnished room for forty additional pews, and a large and commodious chancel. The effect has been to render the Church extremely pleasing in its architectural proportions, and vastly more comfortable to both hearer and speaker, while engaged in the services of divine worship.

It has been done by a vigorous and self-denying effort within the congregation, and a generous and prompt response of churchmen con-

nected with other Parishes. The balance of indebtedness unpaid, is held by a few generous members of the Vestry, and is wholly under their control.

The new windows, six in number and beautiful in design and execution, are the gift of a pious and warm-hearted Church woman in the city of Brooklyn, New York.

An organ is also in progress of erection, by Mr. W. Corrie of this city, which the whole Parish have united in procuring and which, when completed, will be free from debt.

Inconveniences incident to the enlargement, and to the entire suspension of week-day services, were cheerfully borne by an increasing congregation. On Christmas, or the day of the nativity of our Lord, we were first permitted to worship in the enlarged house of prayer, and lift praises and thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father, who had prospered our undertaking, and given us all that called for gratitude.

The salary is $800 with the Rectory. The salary has been promptly paid.

Report of the Rev. J. P. Wilmer, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 200, adults 550, children 250, total 800; baptism, adults 5, infants 44, total 49; confirmed (at 3 confirmations,) 61; marriages 4; burials 15; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 650, total 755; children catechized 200, times 12; Sunday schools 3, teachers 14, pupils 200; Bible classes 3, members 50; collections, for Episcopal Fund, Convention Fund, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, Missionary and other purposes, whole amount $2392 88, private contributions $4500, total $6892 88; property other than Church building, School-house indebtedness, ground rent; salary of Clergyman $2250. No arrears.

During the past year the school-house has been nearly completed by the addition of a main building, spacious, convenient and imposing in its style of architecture. The Schools are all in a prosperous condition, a Wednesday evening service and two lectures chiefly for the parents and children of the Parish Schools. This service, which has been maintained with little interruption since the formation of the Parish, affords peculiar facilities for the instruction of this most interesting class of our congregation.

Report of the Rev. T. W. Winchester, Rector of St. James' Church, Great Valley, Chester County.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 4, total 6; confirmed 4, communicants 13; marriage 1; funerals 4; public services 53, and frequent cottage

leetures during the winter; Sunday schools, total number of scholars, male and female, about 40, number of teachers 4; collections, Bishop's Fund $1 73, church building $1 08, Dioeesan Missions $1 14, Foreign Missions $2, Convention Fund $2 20, Special Mission $10 50; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive $200 per year, regularly paid. The parsonage and glebe formerly belonging to this parish have been sold.

St. Paul's, West Whiteland.

Baptisms, infants 9; confirmed 1; communicants 27; funerals 3; public services 50; Sunday schools, total number of scholars, male and female, about 50, teachers 6; collections, Special Missions $10 50, Bishop's Fund $3 48, Convention Fund $1 50, Diocesan Missions $1, Domestic Missions $1 75, Foreign Missions $2 48; amount of salary the Rector is entitled to receive $150.

The Rector thankfully aeknowledges some timely and generous aid afforded him by some friends of the Church in Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Woods, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Columbia, Lancaster County.

Families 25; baptisms, adult 1, infants 2, total 3; confirmations 2; communicants, on register before 37, withdrawn 1, added 7, present number 43; collections, communion offerings $13 93, for church buildings in diocese $6 63, Diocesan Missionary Society $12, for Sunday-school library $18, Convention Fund $2, Episcopal Fund $3; other purposes connected with the Church $80, total $130 56.

The present incumbent took charge of the parish near the end of November last. He found it in a feeble condition, the people nearly disheartened, and the number attending the church very small.

At first the congregation did not number more than thirty; a gradual improvement has taken place however, until we have now sometimes one hundred. Upon the whole there has been considerable improvement, but the field is an arduous one, and demands laborious application united to faith and patience.

The Rector preaches on one Sunday twice in Columbia, and on the following Sunday once in Columbia and once in Marietta. In addition to these services, he has established a weekly lecture on Wednesday evening.

Marietta.

The services of our Church are held in Marietta each alternate

Sunday in the afternoon. The congregation was very slender at first, but it has increased until it now numbers over one hundred. Some members of the Church are encouraged to hope that a church edifice will soon be erected here.

Report of the Rev. Edward P. Wright, late Rector of Christ Church, Williamsport, Lycoming County.

The Parish was without regular ministrations from the date of the last Convention, until October 3d, 1853, upon which day the undersigned was called to take charge of it. The following report embraces the period between the above named date and April 11th, 1854, when the parish was again rendered vacant by my resignation.

Congregation, families and parts of families 28, adults 76, children 65, total 141; baptisms, adults 5, infants 2, total 7; confirmed 4; communicants, added 6, present number 35; marriages 2; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 54, other days 13, total 67; children catechized monthly, times 6; Sunday school 1, teachers 13, pupils 65, Bible class 1, members 11.

The collections in the Parish have been devoted to the support of the Sunday school and to defraying incidental expenses connected with the Church.

Besides a church edifice and lot for a parsonage reported before as belonging to this parish, about $1500 have been subscribed during the past winter towards the erection of a parsonage house. The vestry is using commendable exertions to hasten the completion of this important improvement.

Report of the Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton, City of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 56, adults 14,0 children 135, total 275; baptisms, adults 8, infants 17, total 25; confirmed 8, communicants, added 9, removed 4, present number 110; marriages 3; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 106, other days 69, total 175; Sunday school teachers 14, pupils 130; collections, Convention Fund $15 57, Christmas Fund $29 19, Domestic Missions, Wisconsin, $50 43, Foreign Missions, Africa, $28; Church Hospital 41 46, Provident Society, West Philadelphia, $37 16; Church property the same as before reported; there is no debt upon the Church; amount of salary which the clergyman is entitled to receive $800, which is punctually paid.

Ten years have now elapsed since the present Rector entered upon his duties here; during this time the church building has been enlarged, and a substantial parsonage and school-house erected. The number of

communieants whieh he found here has been more than doubled. 34 adults and 118 children have been baptized; 96 persons have been confirmed, and the same number admitted to eommunion. Until within a quite recent period, the ehureh was very unfavorably situated for the population. Now, however, the improvement of the surrounding property has in some degree remedied this; and we hope, ere long, to be able to build on our present site a chureh suffieiently large to meet the want whieh is beginning to be seriously felt, of increased accommodations.

Report of the Rev. James Gilborne Lyons, L.L. D., West Haverford, Delaware County.

[Received too late for its place.]

During the present year Dr. Lyons has eaeh Sunday read the morning serviee, with a sermon, in his own sehool-room. He has also preached and officiated several times elsewhere, and taken a part in administering the Holy Communion. He regularly devotes a portion of eaeh Sunday to the Seriptural and Catechetical instruetion of his pupils.

The Church in his neighborhood is open only in the afternoon.

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LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS

OF THE

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Adams County.		
Christ church, Huntingdon township,	Admitted	1785
Alleghany County.		
Trinity church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1818
St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1832
Christ church, Alleghany city,	do.	1836
St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1838
St. James' church, Pittsburgh,	do.	1852
Grace church, Mt. Washington,	do.	1852
St. Luke's church, Chartier's Creek,	do.	1852
Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh,	do.	1853
St. Philip's church, Manchester,	do.	1853
St. Mark's church, Birmingham,	do.	1853
Armstrong County.		
St. Paul's church, Kittanning,	do.	1829
Trinity church, Freeport,	do.	1840
Beaver County.		
Georgetown church, Georgetown,	do.	1814
St. Paul's church, Ohio Township,	do.	1845
Christ church, New Brighton,	do.	1852
Berks County.		
St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin,	do.	1785
Christ church, Reading,	do.	1824
St. Thomas' church Morgantown,	do.	1825

St. Michaels' church, Birdsboro',	Admitted	1854
St. John's church, Reading,	do.	1854
Bradford County.		
St. Matthew's church, Pike,	do.	1814
Christ church, Towanda,	do.	1844
St. Paul's church, Troy,	do.	1845
Bucks County.		
St. James the Greater church, Bristol,	do.	1785
St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville,	do.	1835
St. Luke's church, Newtown,	do.	1835
Grace church, Hulmeville,	do.	1837
Trinity church, Centreville,	do.	1840
St. Paul's church, Doylestown,	do.	1847
Butler County.		
St. Peter's church, Butler,	do.	1827
Carbon County.		
St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk,	do.	1836
St. Philip's church, Summit Hill,	do.	1850
Centre County.		
Trinity church, Philipsburg,	do.	1827
St. John's church, Bellefonte,	do.	1839
Chester County.		
St. Peter's church, Great Valley,	do.	1785
St. John's church, New London township,	do.	1793
St. Mary's church, Warwick township,	do.	1808
St. John's church, Pequea,	do.	1810
St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township,	do.	1828
St. Andrew's church, West Vincent,	do.	1834
St. Mark's church, Honeybrook,	do.	1837
Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester,	do.	1838
St. Peter's church, Phœnixville,	do.	1840
St. James' church, Downingtown,	do.	1844
St. James' church, West Marlboro',	do.	1849

Clearfield County.		
St. Andrew's church, Clearfield,	Admitted	1850
Columbia County.		
St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	do.	1793
St. James' church, Derry,	do.	1849
Crawford County.		
Christ church, Meadville,	do.	1825
Cumberland County.		
St. John's church, Carlisle,	do.	1821
Dauphin County.		
St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg,	do	1826
Delaware County.		
St. Paul's church, Chester,	do.	1786
St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook,	do.	1786
St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor,	do.	1786
St. John's church, Concord township,	do.	1786
Calvary church, Rockdale,	do.	1835
Church of the Incarnation, Darby,	do.	1854
Erie County.		
St. Paul's church, Erie,	do.	1827
St. Peter's church, Waterford,	do.	"
Fayette County.		
Christ church, Brownsville,	do.	1825
Grace church, Menallen,	do.	1827
Trinity church, Connelsville,	do.	"
St. Peter's church, Uniontown,	do.	1843
St. Paul's church, Dunbar township,	do.	1854
Huntingdon County.		
St. John's church, Huntingdon,	do.	1820
Indiana County.		
St. Peter's church, Blairsville,	do.	1829
Christ church, Indiana,	do.	1853

Lancaster County.		
St. James' church, Lancaster,	Admitted	1785
Bangor church, Cærnarvon township, Churchtown,	do.	1810
Christ church, Leacock,	do.	1819
All Saints' church, Paradise,	do.	1842
St. Paul's church, Columbia,	do.	1849
St. John's church, Marietta,	do.	1849
Hope church, Mount Hope,	do.	1849
St. John's church, Lancaster,	do.	1854
Luzerne County.		
St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre,	do.	1821
Trinity church, Carbondale,	do.	1845
St. James' church, Pittston,	do.	1852
St. Luke's church, Scranton,	do.	1853
Lycoming County.		
St. James' church, Muncy,	do.	1820
Christ church, Williamsport,	do.	1847
Mifflin County.		
St. Mark's church, Lewistown,	do.	1852
Montgomery County.		
St. James' church, Perkiomen township,	do.	1785
St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh township,	do.	1786
St. John's church, Norristown,	do.	1815
Christ church, Pottstown,	do.	1829
The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion,	do.	1852
Montour County.		
Christ church, Danville,	do.	1834
Northampton County.		
Trinity church, Easton,	do.	1819
Northumberland County.		
St. Matthew's church, Sunbury,	do.	1827
St. Mark's church, Northumberland,	do.	1848
Christ church, Milton,	do.	1849
Philadelphia City.		
Christ church, Philadelphia,	do.	1785
St. Peter's church, Philadelphia,	do.	178-

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia,	Admitted	1785
St. James church, Philadelphia,	do.	1810
St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1823
St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1823
Grace church, Philadelphia,	do.	1827
Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia,	do.	1834
Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,	do.	1837
St. Luke's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1839
Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia,	do.	1847
St. Mark's church, Philadelphia,	do.	1848
Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia,	do.	1848
St. John's church, Northern Liberties,	do.	1816
Advent church, Northern Liberties,	do.	1842
St. Matthew's church, Francisville,	do.	1825
St. Philip's church, Spring Garden,	do.	1841
Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden,	do.	1845
Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden,	do.	1846
St. Jude's church, Spring Garden,	do.	1848
Emmanuel church, Kensington,	do.	1837
St. Bartholomew's church, Kensington,	do.	1849
Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond,	do.	1847
Zion church, South Penn township,	do.	1849
Trinity church, Southwark,	do.	1821
Church of the Evangelists, Southwark,	do.	1842
Gloria Dei church, Southwark,	do.	1845
All Saints' church, Moyamensing,	do.	1838
Church of the Crucifixion, Moyamensing,	do.	1847
St. Luke's church, Germantown,	do.	1818
Christ church, Germantown,	do.	1853
St. David's church, Manayunk,	do.	1833
St. James the Less church, North Penn township,	do.	1846
Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun,	do.	1851
Trinity church, Oxford township,	do.	1785
All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township,	do.	1786
Emanuel church, Holmesburg,	do.	1844
St. Mark's church, Frankford,	do.	1846

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia,	Admitted	1827
St. James' church, Kingsesssing,	do.	1844
St. Andrew's church, West Philadelphia,	do.	1852
Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia,	do.	1852
Trinity church, Maylandville,	do.	1853
Church of our Saviour, Moyamensing,	do.	1854
Schuylkill County.		
Trinity church, Pottsville,	do.	1836
St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven,	do.	1839
St. Paul's church, Minersville,	do.	1841
Zion church, Tuscarora,	do.	1848
Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair,	do.	1848
Calvary Church, Tamaqua,	do.	1849
Susquehanna County.		
St. Mark's church, New Milford,	do.	1822
St. Paul's church, Montrose,	do.	1832
St. Andrew's church, Springville,	do.	1838
Tioga County.		
St. Paul's church, Wellsborough,	do.	1841
Washington County.		
Trinity church, Washington,	do.	1844
Wayne County.		
Grace church, Honesdale,	do.	1834
St. John's church, Salem,	do.	1845
Zion church, Sterling township,	do.	1851
Westmoreland County.		
Christ church, Greensburg,	do.	1823
St. John's church, Latrobe,	do.	1853
York County.		
St. John's church, York,	do.	1785

CHURCHES NOT IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION.

Adams County.

Christ church Chapel, Petersburg, a Chapel of Christ Church, Huntingdon.

Alleghany County.

St. Peters church, Pittsburgh.

Armstrong County.

St. Michael's church, Wayne township.

Beaver County.

Trinity church, Rochester.

Berks County.

St. Michael's church, Birdsboro'.

Blair County.

St. Luke's church, Altoona.

Bradford County.

Trinity church, Athens.

Bucks County.

Christ church, Oakgrove, a Chapel of All Saints', Lower Dublin.

Clinton County.

St. James' church, Lockhaven.

Columbia County.

Christ church, Jerseytown.

Fayette County.

St. Paul's church, Mount Braddock.

Lancaster County.

St. John's Free chapel, Lancaster.

Lawrence County.

Trinity church, New Castle.

Mifflin County.

Trinity church, Locke's Mills.

Montgomery County.

Christ church, Upper Merion, Swedes' church.

Philadelphia County.

St. Thomas' church, Philadelphia, for colored persons.
Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia, Floating Chapel.
Calvary church, Philadelphia, Bishop White Monument church.

Susquehanna County.

Grace church, Lodersville, Great Bend.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D. L.L.D., Bishop, Philadelphia.

Allen, Thomas G., Missionary in the City and County of Philadelphia.

Arey, Charles, rector of St. Paul's, Erie.

Baker, E. Massey, deacon, assistant minister at St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

Bean, Henry H., rector of St. Stephen's, Harrisburg.

Beasley, Frederick W., rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, and Christ chapel, Oak Grove. P. O. Bridgewater, Bucks County.

Beatty, Archibald, minister of Trinity church, Carbondale.

Berger, Alexander J., rector of St. Andrew's, Clearfield, St. Stephen's, Morrisdale, and missionary at Philipsburg.

Bonnar, James, B. D., assistant in the Protestant Episcopal Academy.

Bourne, Rowland H., rector of St. Philip's, Manchester, Allegheny County.

Bowman, Samuel, D.D., rector of St. James', Lancaster.

Brown, Henry, rector of St. David's, Radnor, Delaware County, and of the Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion.

Buchanan, Edward Y., rector of Christ church, Leacock, and All Saints', Paradise, Lancaster County. P. O. Paradise.

Bull, Levi, D.D. P. O. Marsh, Chester County.

Byllesby, De Witt Clinton, rector of St. Paul's, Montrose, Susquehanna County.

Childs, John A., assistant minister of St. Luke's, Philadelphia.

Christman, Aaron, deacon, assistant to the rector of Christ church, Pottstown.

Clark, Samuel A., rector of the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia.

Clark, William H., Principal of a Female Seminary, Pittsburgh.

Clay, Jehu C., D.D., rector of the Swedes' church, (Gloria Dei,) Philadelphia.

Clements, Samuel, rector of Trinity church, Washington.

Coit, Henry A., deacon, assisting the rector of St. James', Lancaster.

Coleman, John, D.D., rector of Trinity church, Philadelphia.

Cooley, William C., rector of the Church of our Saviour, Philadelphia.

Cooper, Charles D., rector of St. Philip's church, Philadelphia.

Cooper, William H., missionary to South America.

Cornwall, Nathaniel E., rector of St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh.

Cowell, Samuel, Beverly, New Jersey.

Crumpton, Thomas, rector of Christ church, Alleghany.

Davis, Robert, Philadelphia.

Davis, Thomas J., rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun Village, Philadelphia County.

De Wolfe, Erastus, missionary, Philadelphia.

Diehl, William N., Germantown.

Dix, Morgan, Philadelphia.

Dorr, Benjamin, D.D., rector of Christ church, Philadelphia.

Douglass, Benjamin J., rector of Christ church, Towanda.

Douglass, Jacob M., rector of Zion church, Philadelphia.

Douglass, William, rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

Drake, George C., rector of St. James', Muncy.

Duane, Richard B., rector of Grace church, Honesdale.

Ducachet, Henry W., D.D., rector of St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Dupuy, Charles M., Philadelphia.

Durborow, George A., rector of the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia.

Durborow, Samuel, rector of St. Peter's church, Phœnixville Chester County.

Dyer, Heman, D.D.,

Elsegood, Joseph I., rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton County.

Evans, Rees C., rector of St. Paul's, Doylestown, and Trinity church, Centreville, Bucks County.

Field, G. C., rector of Emmanuel church, Holmesburg.

Foote, G. C., rector of St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, Montgomery County.

Franklin, Benjamin, rector of St. John's, Philadelphia.

Furey, John G., minister of Grace church, Springville.

Goddard, Kingston, rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

Goodwin, James B., rector of St. Paul's church, Beaver County, and St. Luke's, Georgetown.

Gray, Horatio.

Hall, Richard D., Philadelphia.

Hard, Anson B. P. O. Chester.

Harris, N. Sayre, rector of St. Paul's, Chester.

Hare, G. Emlen, D.D., rector of St. Matthew's church, and Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

Hazlehurst, Samuel, Chaplain to the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia.

Helmuth, John K., assistant to the rector of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill.

Hildebrandt, W. S.

Hilton, William J., rector of St. Paul's, Kittanning, and Trinity church, Freeport.

Hinds, William J., Philadelphia.

Hirst, Marmaduke, rector of St. Paul's, Minersville, Schuylkill County.

Hoffman, C. C., missionary to Africa.

Hooker, Herman, D.D., Philadelphia.

Hopkins, George P.,

Howe, M. A. De Wolfe, rector of St. Luke's church, Philadelphia.

Huckel, William S., minister of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Huntington, Benjamin S., Principal of Aston Ridge Seminary. P. O. Village Green, Delaware County.

Jaquett, Joseph, Teacher of Hebrew, Syriac, &c., Philadelphia.

Jones, Edward C., missionary at Blockley Almshouse, Philadelphia.

Jones, N. M., rector of St. Bartholomew's church, Philadelphia.

Kendig, Daniel, deacon, assistant to the rector of St. Andrew's, and missionary, Philadelphia.

Killikelly, Brian B., D.D., rector of St. Michael's church, Wayne, Armstrong County. P. O. Kittanning.

Kirke, George, minister at New London Cross Roads, and West Marlboro', Chester County. P. O. Downingtown.

Leaf, Edmund, rector of Christ church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's church, Douglassville, Montgomery county, and St. Mark's church, Birdsboro', Berks county.

Lightner, Edwin N., rector of Christ (Swedes') church, Upper Merion, Montgomery County. P. O., Norristown.

Lightner, Milton C., rector of Christ church, Reading.

Long, John, rector of St. Luke's, Scranton, and St. James', Pittston, Luzerne County.

Lord, Samuel T., residing at Meadville, and Missionary in Crawford County.

Lounsberry, Edward, rector of St. Jude's, Philadelphia.

Lycett, Edward L., (Deacon) Minister of Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster County, and St. Thomas', Morgantown, Berks County.

Lyman, T. B., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Lyons, James G., LL.D., classical teacher. P. O. West Haverford.

Mahan, Milo, B. D., professor of Ecclesiastical History in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Marsden, Jno. H., York Springs, Adams County.

Marple, A. Augustus, rector of St. Paul's church, Wellsboro', Tioga County.

Maxwell, John Gordon, rector of Emmanuel church, Kensington.

Mendenhall, Edward, rector of St. John's church, Salem, Wayne County, and Missionary in parts adjacent.

Mercer, Alexander G., professor of moral and intellectual philosophy in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

McElhinney, John J., rector of St. Paul's church, Pittsburgh.

McLeod, Alexander, rector of St. John's, Huntingdon, and Missionary in Blair County.

Meyer, Edward, Missionary to Germans in Philadelphia, and assistant to the rector of the Church of the Atonement.

Miles, G. D., rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.

Miller, Daniel S., rector of St. Mark's church, Frankford, Philadelphia County.

Mintzer, George, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County. P. O. Perkiomen Bridge.

Montgomery, H. E., rector of All Saints' church, Moyamensing.

Montgomery, W. W., minister of St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, and St. Mark's church, Northumberland.

Morris, B. Wistar, rector of St. David's church, Manayunk.

Morss, Jacob B., rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

Morton, H. J., D.D., rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

Murphy, John K., recter of Calvary church, Rockdale, and St. John's church, Concord, Delaware County.

Nash, Sylvester, Missionary in Western Pennsylvania.

Natt, G. W., rector of St. Andrew's church, Mantua Village, Philadelphia.

Newton, R., D.D., rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

Norris, W. H., residing in Philadelphia.

Odenheimer, W. H., rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

Ogilby, Frederick, rector of Church of Ascension, Philadelphia.

Paddock, W. H., District Missionary in Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh.

Page, R. O., rector of Christ church, Danville.

Perkins, W. S.

Pinckney, Thomas A., Missionary on the Western coast of Africa.

Platt, G. Lewis, rector of the church of Mediator, Philadelphia.

Prior, Azariah, rector of St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven, Schulkill County.

Quick, Charles W., rector of the church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh.

Rambo, J., Missionary to Africa.

Randall, Samuel, Ministering in St. James' church, Pittsburgh.

Robins, James W., deacon, assistant St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

Rodney, John, rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown.

Rogers, Joshua, Easton.

Rudderow, Joel, rector of the church of Messiah, Richmond, Philadelphia.

Russel, Peter, rector of St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's church, Summit Hill.

Skinner, Gardiner M., rector of St. Mark's church, New Milford, Susquehanna County.

Smith, J. Brinton, rector of St. James', Kingsessing, Philada.

Smith, Joseph H., Missionary in N. L., and Minister of Calvary church, Philadelphia.

Smith, Richard, Missionary at Pittsburgh.

Spackman, H. S., assistant minister of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia.

Stem, Nathan, rector of St. John's church, Norristown.

Stevens, Wm. Bacon, D.D., rector of St. Andrew's, Philada.

Stone, Joseph A., rector of Calvary church, Tamaqua, and Zion church, Tuscarora.

Suddards, Wm., rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

Talbot, Mortimer R., chaplain in the U. S. Navy. P. O. Philadelphia.

Taylor, Joseph P., rector of Christ church, New Brighton, Beaver County.

Ten Brœck, Anthony, rector of the church of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill.

Temple, Richard, minister of Christ church, Brownsville.

Thomson, C. West, rector of St. John's church, York.

Tullidge, Henry, rector of St. John's, Pequea, Lancaster County.

Trapier, Richard S., missionary to Seamen in the port of Philadelphia.

Tyng, Dudley A., rector of the church of the Epiphany.

Van Deusen, E. M., rector of St. Peter's church, Pittsburgh.

Van Pelt, Peter, Secretary to the General Board of Missions, Philadelphia.

Varian, Alexander, rector of Christ church, Meadville.

Vaughan, John A., D.D., rector of the Episcopal Female Institute, Philadelphia.

Ver Mehr, J. L., L.L.D., assistant rector of Grace church, San Francisco, and Principal of a School in Sonora, California.

Walsh, G. H.

Washburn, Daniel, rector of Trinity church, Pottsville.

Webb, W. E., rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, Grace church, Hulmeville, and St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville. P. O., Newtown, Bucks County.

Weld, H. Hastings.

White, William, rector of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler County.

Wilcoxson, Hanson T., rector of Trinity church, Connelsville, and St. Paul's, Mount Braddock, Fayette County.

Wiley, F. S., rector of the church of the Nativity, Philada.

Williams, C. P., D.D., Classical Teacher, Philadelphia.

Williamson, John, assistant to the rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

Wilmer, J. P. B., rector of St. Mark's church, Philadelphia.

Wilson, Bird, D.D., L.L.D., Emeritus Professor in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Winchester, T. W., rector of St. Paul's and St. Peter's churches, Great Valley, Chester County.

Woods, Henry W., rector of St. Paul's church, Columbia.

Woodward, James A., missionary in Oregon.

Wright, E. P.

Wyatt, Christopher B., rector of Trinity church, San Francisco.

Yarnall, T. C., rector of St. Mary's church, Philadelphia.

			Dolls.	*C.*
1853.				
May, 18,	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter to April 19, 1853,		276	86
" 19,	" Rev. T. B. Flower, -	$2 75		
	" " T. B. Lyman, -	2 50		
	" " Jas. P. Taylor, -	11 00		
	" " W. H. Paddock, -	11 00		
	" " A. Beatty, - -	4 50		
	" " B. B. Killikelly, -	13 50		
	" " W. White, - -	13 50		
	" " D. C. Byllesby, -	5 50		
	" " A. Prior, - -	4 00		
	" " Jno. Long, - -	7 00		
	" " William Hilton, -	16 00		
	" " T. Crumpton, -	11 00		
	" " J. N. Rogers, -	7 00		
	" " Geo. C. Drake, -	8 00		
	" " Jno. G. Furey, -	15 00		
	" " Geo. D. Miles, -	7 00		
	" " H. H. Bean, -	5 50		
	" " J. H. Black, - -	9 00		
	" " Richard Smith, -	18 00		
	" " A. Varian, - -	19 00		
	" " Peter Russell, -	6 00		
	" " G. M. Skinner, -	9 50		
	" " Benj. J. Douglass, -	11 00		
	" " R. B. Duane, -	9 00		
	" " G. H. Walsh, -	7 00		
	" " T. S. Rumney, -	13 50		
	" " H. Tullidge, -	2 00		
	" " A. A. Marple, -	9 00		
	" " J. Rudderow, -	6 50		
	" " R. O. Page, -	7 00		
	" " E. Y. Buchanan, -	2 00		
	" " Geo. Kirke, - -	1 50		
	" " D. Washburn, -	3 50		
	" " Edward Meyer, -	4 00		
	" " Jos. I. Elsegood, -	5 50		
	" " E. Mendenhall, -	10 00		
	" " S. Clements, -	17 00		
	" " A. McLeod, -	6 00		
			319	25
" 20,	To cash paid Jas. Montgomery, Sexton, expenses of the Convention, - - -		27	0
" 20,	To cash paid same for services rendered Standing Committee, - - - -		8	0
" 20,	To cash paid King & Baird, for Bill, -		30	0
Sept. 21,	To cash paid Jos. S. Siddall, for transcribing Minutes of the Convention of 1850, '51, and '52,		35	0
" 21,	To cash paid Stavely & McCalla, on account,		170	0
Aug. 26,	To cash paid Rev. H. Hooker, for binding Journals of Convention,		3	0
	Amount carried forward,		$889	11

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer, *Cr.*

			Dolls.	C.
1853.				
May. 10.	By balance per account rendered, -		222	35
" 11,	By cash contribution from All Saints' Church, Philadelphia, - - - -		5	00
" 11,	Do. from St. Stephen's Church, Philada.,		50	00
" 13,	" Christ Church, Danville, - -		9	00
" 16,	" St. Luke's Church, Germantown, -		10	00
" 16,	" St. James' Church, Philada., -		50	00
" 17,	" St. Mark's Church, " -		55	94
" 17,	" Ch. of the Atonement, " -		25	00
	" Trinity Church, Easton, - -	7 13		
	" St John's Church, Norristown, -	5 00		
	" St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, -	2 00		
	" St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill, -	2 00		
	" Christ Church, Alleghany, -	8 50		
	" St. Paul's Church, Lacyville -	3 00		
	" St. James' Church, Kingsessing, -	7 00		
	" Trinity Church, Oxford, - -	8 13		
	" St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, -	1 60		
	" St. Thomas' Church, Newtown, -	2 00		
	" St. John's Church, New London, -	3 06		
	" Advent Church, Northern Liberties, -	15 00		
	" St. John's Church, Pequea, - -	5 00		
	" St. John's Church, Philada., -	13 00		
	" St. James' Church, Lancaster, -	24 05		
	" Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, -	20 00		
	" St. Andrew's Church, West Philada.,	6 00		
	" St. Mark's Church, New Milford, -	3 14		
	" Trinity Church, Pottsville, -	9 11		
	" St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, -	3 00		
	" Unknown, - - - -	5 00		
	" St. Peter's Church, Waterford, -	3 00		
	" St. John's Church, Carlisle, -	8 00		
	" St. John's Church, Salem, - -	2 47		
	" Christ Church, Williamsport, -	9 00		
	" St. Peter's Church, Butler, -	5 00		
	" St. John's Church, Huntingdon, -	5 00		
	" St. Mary's Church, West Phila, 2 years,	29 86		
	" St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, -	1 00		
	" St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, -	1 00		
	" St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, -	10 00		
	" St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, -	4 18		
	" Christ Church, Meadville, - -	5 72		
	" St. David's Church, Radnor, -	3 00		
	" St. James' Church, Muncy, -	5 53		
	" Grace Church, Honesdale, -	10 00		
	" St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro', -	4 00		
	" Christ Church, Reading, - -	19 00		
	" Trinity Church, Freeport, - -	4 81		
	" St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, -	4 00		
	" St. James' Church, Bristol, -	2 50		
	Amount carried forward,	$289 79	$127	29

Dr. *Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in*

		Dolls.	C.
1853.	Amount brought forward,	889	11
Sept. 15,	To cash paid King & Baird, per bill, -	2	50
Dec. 7,	To cash paid O. Evans, for iron safe, -	125	00
" 22,	To cash paid Stavely & McCalla, in full, -	246	65
" 22,	To cash paid Jno. Gibson, painting bookcase,	22	50
" 22,	To cash paid A. Catanach, making do. -	90	24
1854.			
Jan. 4,	To cash paid E. C. & J. Biddle, for minute-book,	6	75
Feb. 1,	To cash paid H. Cope, Treasurer Gen. Convention,	153	00
" 22,	To cash paid transcribing Journal of Convention, 1853,	15	00
March 9,	To cash paid for chairs for room for Standing Com.,	25	00
" 21,	To cash paid Stavely & McCalla, for printing,	7	00
April 26.	To cash paid Archer & Co. for chandalier,	7	50
May 5,	To cash paid J. & B. Orne, for carpet, -	20	00
" 6,	To cash paid John McIntyre, per bills, -	30	52
	Amount carried forward,	$1640	77

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer, *Cr.*

				Dolls.	*C.*
1853.	Amounts brought forward,		$289 79	427	29
May 17,	By cash from contributions:				
	From St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre,		8 00		
	" Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia,		10 00		
	" St. Luke's Church, Newtown,		1 25		
	" Emmanuel Church, Kensington,		10 00		
	" Grace church, Hulmeville,		1 00		
	" Trinity Church, Washington,		2 00		
	" St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven,		3 35		
	" Mission Church, Heckscherville,		3 80		
	" Church of the Nativity, Philadelphia,		10 00		
	" St. Michael's Church, Wayne T. S.,		2 62		
	" St. Paul's Church, Columbia,		3 15		
	" St. James' Church, Perkiomen,		3 92		
	" St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook,		5 00		
	" Zion Church, Tuscarora,		5 00		
	" Calvary Church, Tamaqua,		5 56		
	" St. John's Church, Concord,		5 00		
	" St. Luke's Church, Scranton,		5 00		
	" Christ Church, Brighton,		2 61		
	" Christ Church, Leacock,		5 00		
	" All Saints' Church, Paradise,		5 00		
	" St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh,		16 70		
	" St. Mark's Church, Frankford,		5 00		
	" St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia,		25 00		
	" Zion Church, Philadelphia,		2 00		
	" Bangor Church, Churchtown,		4 00		
	" St. Matthew's Church, Francisville,		7 02		
July 1,	" Trinity Church, Westchester,		5 50		
" 1,	" All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin,		8 20		
" 1,	" Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg,		5 15	465	62
Sept. 21,	" Trinity Church, Southwark,			10	00
Oct. 10,	" St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia,			50	00
" 11,	" Grace Church, "			50	00
" 11,	" Christ Church, "			25	50
" 12.	" St Paul's Church, Chester,			9	25
" 25,	" St. James' Church, Downingtown,			5	00
Nov. 12,	" St. Paul's Church, Montrose,			4	00
" 12,	" St. Matthew's Church, Pike,			2	00
" 15,	" St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,			75	00
" 16,	" St. John's Church, York,			10	25
" 18,	" St. Stephen's Church, Philada., extra,			30	00
" 22,	" Church of the Advent, " "			30	00
" 22,	" St. Luke's Church, Germantown, "			25	00
" 26,	" St. Philip's Church, Philada., "			30	00
" 28,	" Christ Church, " "			30	00
Dec. 2,	" Church of the Epiphany, " "			30	00
" 20,	" St. Andrew's Church, " "			30	00
	" St. Paul's Church " "			30	00
	" Ch. of the Evangelists, " "			5	00
	Amount carried forwarded,			$1373	91

Dr. *Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in*

		Dolls.	C.
1854.	Amount brought forward,	1640	77
May 9,	To balance carried down, - - -	240	53
		$1881	30

We have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct.

RICHARD S. SMITH,
EDWARD OLMSTED, } *Committee.*

Philada., May 9, 1854.

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer, *Cr.*

		Dolls.	*C.*
1853.			
Dec. 20,	Amount brought forward,	1373	91
	By cash from contributions:		
" 20,	" Calvary Church, Rockdale, -	5	00
" 20,	" Christ Church, Brownsville, -	6	00
1854.			
Feb. 18,	" St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, -	5	75
March 8,	Proceeds of sale of old bookcase, -	10	80
" 27,	Cash from St. Andrew's Church, Philada,	121	30
" 30,	" Grace Church, Philadelphia, -	100	00
April 19,	" St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh,	6	00
" 20,	" All Saints' Church, Moyamensing,	10	00
" 26,	" Trinity Church, Easton, -	5	00
May 3,	" Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh,	5	00
" 3,	" St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, -	3	27
" 3,	" St. Mark's Church, Northumberland,	1	73
" 4,	" St. Mark's Church, Frankford, -	10	00
" 4,	" St. John's Church, Northern Liberties,	17	54
" 5,	" St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia, -	70	00
" 8,	" Church at Phœnixville, - -	5	00
" 8,	" St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, -	75	00
" 8,	" Church of the Epiphany, " -	50	00
		$1881	30
May 9,	By balance brought down, - -	$240	53

E. E. THOMAS ROBINS, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 9, 1854.

Dr. *Fund for Disabled Clergymen*

		Dolls.	C.
1853.			
June, 3,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due 1st September, 1853.	50	00
July 1,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due this day,	62	50
Feb. 2,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	25	00
" 4,	To cash paid Mrs. F. Bourns, one qr. appropriation due 1st inst,	50	00
" 6,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, additional appropriation,	50	00
Sept. 1,	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, being a donation to the widow and children of Rev. Freeman Lane,	50	00
Oct. 1,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due this day,	25	00
" 1,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due 1st December, 1853,	50	00
" 5,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
" 7,	To cash paid Mrs. F. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	50	00
Nov. 28,	To cash paid Rev. S. T. Lord, one qr. appropriation, due October 1st, 1853,	62	50
Dec. 1,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due March 1, 1854,	50	00
Oct. 19,	To cash paid Rev. G. P. Hopkins, special appropriation,	50	00
Dec, 14,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due January 1, 1854,	37	50
" 20,	To cash paid Rev. G. P. Hopkins, special appropriation,	62	50
1854.			
Jan. 2,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. F. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.	50	00
" 3,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	25	00
" 30,	To cash paid Rev. S. T. Lord, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.,	62	50
March 2,	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one qr. appropriation, due 1st June, 1854,	50	00
" 13,	To cash paid Rev. A. B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due 1st April, 1854,	62	50
April 1,	To cash paid Mrs. R. Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due this day,	25	00
" 1,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due this day,	50	00
" 1,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, balance of previous quarter, the Trustees having increased the appropriation,	12	50
	Amount carried forward,	$1137	50

in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer. *Cr.*

			Dolls.	C.
1853.				
May 16,	By balance in the treasury per account,		$1139	48
" 17,	By contribution from St. Paul's Church, Lacyville,	3 00		
" 19,	" All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin,	10 00		
	" St. Peter's Church, Waterford,	5 50		
	" St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro',	2 68		
	" St. James' Church, Lancaster,	30 50		
	" St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg,	15 45		
	" St. Peter's Church, Butler,	4 05		
	" St. Mark's Church, New Milford,	2 11		
	" St. John's Church, Pequea,	3 25		
June 6,	" Unknown through W. H. N.,	1 00		
July 5,	Interest on investment,		23	50
Nov. 15,	To cash from All Saints' Ch., Lower Dublin,	30 91		
Dec. 27,	Do. St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,	149 57		
" 27,	" Trinity Church, Pottsville,	29 59		
" 27,	" Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg,	20 16		
" 27,	" St. James' Church, Downingtown,	5 00		
" 27,	" Christ Church, Leacock,	5 00		
" 27,	" St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia,	74 50		
" 27,	" St. James' Church, "	100 00		
" 27,	" Gloria Dei, "	15 55		
" 28,	" Christ Church, Reading,	28 00		
" 28,	" Christ Church, Upper Merion,	6 00		
" 29,	" Christ Church, Meadville,	15 37		
" 29,	" St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,	150 00		
" 29,	" Church of the Advent, "	22 75		
" 30,	" St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury,	4 19		
" 30,	" St. Mark's Church, Northumberland,	3 58		
" 30,	" St. Mark's Church, New Milford,	6 00		
" 30,	" St. Mark's Church, Frankford,	30 05		
" 31,	" Bangor Church, Churchtown,	14 00		
1854.				
Jan. 3,	" St. James' Church, Muncy,	13 06		
" 3,	" St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia,	168 11		
" 3,	" St. Matthew's Church, Francisville,	17 00		
" 3,	" St. Jude's Church, Philadelphia,	18 00		
" 4,	" Christ Church, Pottstown,	6 00		
" 4,	" St. Gabriel s Church, Morlattin,	3 00		
" 4,	" St. Michael's Church, Bridesboro',	3 00		
" 4,	" St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre,	20 00		
" 5,	" St. David's Church, Manayunk,	15 00		
" 9,	" St. Andrew's Church, West Philada.,	10 00		
" 10,	" St. James' Church, Perkiomen,	3 70		
" 10,	" Christ Church, Philadelphia,	71 66		
" 12,	" St. Paul's Church, Montrose,	4 00		
" 13,	" St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk,	10 00		
" 16,	" St. Mary's Church, West Philada.,	58 42		
" 17,	" St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh,	26 66		
" 18,				
		$1236 37		
	Amount carried forward,		$1162	98

Dr. *Fund for Disabled Clergymen*

		Dolls.	*C.*
1854.	Amount brought forward,	$1137	50
April 1,	To cash paid Mrs. F. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due this day,	50	00
" 7,	To cash paid Rev. G. P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st April,	62	50
May 11,	To cash paid Rev. Samuel T. Lord, one qr. appropriation, due 1st April,	62	50
" 16,	To balance carried down,	1360	01
		$2672	51

We have examined the foregoing account, compared it with the vouchers, and found it correct, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being thirteen hundred and sixty dollars one cent, and the investment of one thousand dollars in city of Philadelphia 5 per cent. loan.

JOHN WELSH,
WM. H. NEWBOLD, } *Committee.*

Philada, May 16th, 1854.

The Trustees of the Christmas Fund for disabled Clergymen, respectfully report, that during the past year they have received fifteen hundred and thirty-three dollars and three cents, of which fourteen hundred and fifty-nine dollars and fifty-three cents were contributed by fifty-seven churches, fifty dollars in a donation from one individual, and twenty-three dollars and fifty cents, one half-year's interest on one thousand dollars, invested some years since to meet any unusual demand upon the fund.

The balance in the Treasurer's hands was, at the commencement of the fiscal year, eleven hundred and thirty nine dollars and forty-eight cents; there has been expended since that time the sum of thirteen hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents, leaving now on hand thirteen hundred and sixty dollars and one cent to meet the expenses for the remainder of the year.

The benefits of the trust are now extended to four clergymen and the widows of three, at an expenditure of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, being an increase over the preceding year of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

By order of the Trustees,
WM. H. NEWBOLD, *Secretary.*

Philada., May 16th, 1854.

in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer. *Cr.*

				Dolls.	*C.*
1854.	Amounts brought forward,		$1236	37	$1162	98
	By contribution from					
Jan. 18,	St. Mary's Church, Chester County,	-	6	23		
" 18,	" St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia,	-	66	20		
" 25,	" St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg,	-	9	00		
" 25,	" St. Peter's Church, Philada., additional,		2	50		
" 25,	" St. Paul's Church, Chester,	- -	1	98		
Feb. 2,	" Trinity Church, Easton,	- -	10	25		
" 2,	" Rev. W. H. Cooper, a thank offering for his rescue and that of his wife and children from the wreck of the Steamer San Francisco, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen in this diocese,	- - - -	50	00		
" 9,	" Trinity Church, Pittsburgh,	- -	70	20		
" 9,	" Christ Church, New Brighton,	-	7	30		
" 10,	" "A Friend,"	- - - -	1	00		
" 15,	" St. Peter's Church, Butler,	- -	5	50		
March 6,	" St. James' Church, Kingsessing,	-	33	00		
April 12,	" Christ Church, Danville,	- -	10	00	1509	53
					$2672	51
May 16,	By balance brought down,	- -			$1360	01

E. & O. E. THOMAS ROBINS, *Treasurer.*

Philada., May 16th, 1854.

Dr. *The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

			Dolls.	C.
	INVESTMENTS *made during the year by order of the Standing Committee.*			
1853.				
June 14,	In Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan certificate for $687 62, at 97, paid for in part by $202 19 Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan,			
1854.	paid off 26th ult., and now reinvested,	$666 99		
May 5,	In Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan certificate for $700, at 87, - - - -	609 00		
1853.			$1275	99
July 23,	To cash paid King & Baird, printing Circulars, - - - -	6 00		
	To cash paid for a tin box to keep papers in, - - - -	5 00		
			11	00
	Amount carried forward,		$1286	99

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer. *Cr.*

					Dolls.	*C.*
1853.						
May 9,	By balance as per account submitted and accredited this day,				434	52
	Receipts from PARISHES *during the year.*					
" 14,	Evangelists'	Church,	Southwark,	$10 00		
" 16,	St. Luke's	"	Germantown,	10 00		
" 17,	Atonement,	"	Philadelphia,	50 00		
	St. John's	"	Norristown,	6 00		
	St. Mark's	"	Mauch Chunk,	2 00		
	St. Philip's	"	Summit Hill,	2 00		
	Christ	"	Alleghany,	10 00		
	St. Paul's	"	Laceyville,	3 00		
	St. James'	"	Kingsessing	15 84		
	St. Thomas'	"	Morgantown,	6 68		
	Trinity	"	Oxford,	6 37		
	St. James'	"	Bristol,	2 50		
	St. Thomas'	"	Whitemarsh,	3 00		
	St. James'	"	Pittsburgh,	6 38		
	St. Peter's	"	Blairsville,	2 75		
	Christ	"	Greensburg,	5 00		
	St. John's	"	New London,	2 35		
	St. James'	"	West Marlboro'	85		
	Advent	"	Philadelphia,	15 00		
	Messiah,	"	Richmond,	5 00		
	St. John's	"	Pequea,	7 00		
	St. John's	"	Philadelphia,	2 00		
	St. James'	"	Lancaster,	23 69		
	Trinity,	"	Pittsburgh,	100 00		
	St. Andrew's	"	West Philad.,	5 00		
	St. David's	"	Manayunk,	6 00		
	St. Mark's	"	New Milford,	5 13		
	St. Mark's	"	Lewistown,	2 35		
	St. Mary's	"	Chester,	4 00		
May. 19,	Trinity,	"	Easton,	8 92		
	Christ (Swedes)	"	Upper Merion,	7 50		
	St. John's	"	Carlisle,	10 00		
	St. John's	"	Salem,	1 00		
	St. Stephen's	"	Harrisburg,	10 59		
	St. Paul's	"	Bloomsburg,	6 68		
	St. Peter's	"	Great Valley,	2 83		
	St. Paul's	"	West Whiteland,	4 00		
	St. Paul's	"	Kittanning,	2 87		
	Gloria Dei	"	Southwark,	10 00		
	Nativity	"	Spring Garden,	15 00		
	St. Michael's	"	Wayne Township,	1 50		
	St. James'	"	Perkiomen,	3 45		
	St. James'	"	Downingtown,	3 50		
" 25,	St. Matthew's	"	Francisville,	9 03		
June 8,	Christ,	"	Reading,	22 00		
" 9,	St. James'	"	Muncy,	9 65		
" 10,	Christ	"	Towanda,	10 00		
	Amounts carried forward,			$458 41	$434	52

Dr. *The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

			Dolls.	C.
	Amount brought forward,		1286	99
1853.	*Salary paid to* Bishop Potter.			
Aug. 23,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due this day, - - -	$1000 00		
Nov. 23,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due			
1854.	this day, - - -	1000 00		
Feb. 23,	To cash paid one quarter's salary, due this day, - - -	1000 00		
Mch. 25,	To cash paid on account of salary, due			
	23d May, - - -	500 00		
May 6,	To cash paid in full for do. -	500 00		
			4000	00
	Amount carried forward,		$5286	99

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer. *Cr.*

				Dolls.
1853.				
	Amounts brought forward,		$458 41	434 52
June 10,	St. John's Church,	Bellefonte,	7 00	
" 17,	Christ "	Danville,	7 00	
" 29,	St. Stephen's "	Wilkesbarre,	20 00	
	Trinity "	Pottsville,	26 34	
July 1,	Trinity "	Westchester,	5 50	
" 6,	Emmanuel's "	Holmesburg,	10 85	
Sept. 21,	Trinity "	Southwark,	50 00	
Dec. 29,	St. Mark's "	New Milford,	4 00	
1854.				
Jan. 4,	All Saints' "	Paradise,	7 00	
" 25,	St. Paul's "	Chester,	7 89	
May 3,	St. Mark's "	Frankford,	10 00	
" 6,	St. Peter's "	Phœnixville,	5 00	
				618 99
	By *Receipts from* INVESTMENTS:			
May 26,	Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, 2 months' interest on $202 19,	1 68		
	(Principal paid off, see subsequent entry,) less State tax, -	08		
			1 60	
April 30,	Six months' interest on $22,224 66,	555 61		
	Less State tax, - -	27 78		
			527 83	
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on $22,224 66	555 61		
	Less state tax, - -	27 78		
1853.			527 83	
July 15,	Six months' interest on Philadelphia City 6 per cent. R. R. loan, $400,	12 00		
	Less state tax, - -	60		
1854.			11 40	
Feb. 11,	Six months' interest on Philadelphia City 6 per cent. R. R. loan, $400,	12 00		
	Less state tax, - -	60		
			11 40	
1853.	*Receipts* from the A. Doz LEGACY:			1080 06
Sept. 26,	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, $1486 72,	37 17		
	Less state tax, - -	1 86		
			35 31	
Nov. 23,	Interest on $504 95 Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan from 1st August, 1845 to 1st August, 1853, inclusive, 17 periods of $12 62, -	214 54		
	Less state tax, - -	10 54		
1854.			204 00	
Feb. 11,	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, $1991 67,	49 79		
	Less state tax, - -	2 48		
			47 31	
	Amounts carried forward,		$286 62	$2133 57

Dr. *The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

		Dolls.	C.
1854.	Amount brought forward,	5286	99
	Amount carried forward,	$5286	99

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer, *Cr.*

				Dolls.	C.
1853.	Amounts brought forward,		$286 62	2133	57
Dec. 22,	William Stewart's ground rent, 6 months, due August 1st,		$72 00		
1854. April 20,	William Stewart's ground rent 6 months, due February 1st,		72 00		
" 25,	McCall's ground rent, 1 year, due August 1st, - - -	12 00			
	Less taxes, - - -	3 00			
			9 00		
				439	62
1853.	*Receipts* from the KOHNE LEGACY:				
July 13,	Six months' interest on $4600 Philada. City 6 per cent. R. R. loan,	138 00			
	Less state tax, - -	6 90			
			131 10		
1854. Feb. 11,	Six months' interest on $4600 Philada. City 6 per cent. R. R. loan,	138 00			
	Less state tax, - -	6 90			
			131 10		
1853. Aug. 30,	Six months' interest on $150 Penn. 5 per cent. loan, - -	3 75			
	Less state tax, - .	15			
			3 60		
1854. Feb. 4,	Six months' interest on $150 Penn. 5 per cent loan, - -	3 75			
	Less state tax, - -	15			
			3 60		
				269	40
1853.	*Receipts* from the PILMORE LEGACY, through *R. R. Montgomery, Esq.*, Treasurer:				
Aug. 1,	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, (hitherto $7664 37, which, having been paid off, was reinvested,) $7950 48,	198 76			
	Less state tax, - -	9 94			
			188 82		
1854. Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan $7950 48,	198 76			
	Less state tax, - -	9 94			
			188 82		
				377	64
1853.	*Receipts* from the HUTCHINS' LEGACY, through *R. R. Montgomery, Esq.*, Treasurer:				
Aug. 1,	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, $1880 58,	47 01			
	Less state tax, - -	2 35			
			44 66		
	Amounts carried forward,		$44 66	$3220	23

Dr. *The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

1854.		Dolls.	C.
	Amount brought forward,	5286	99
	Amount carried forward,	$5286	99

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer, *Cr.*

				Dolls.	C.
1854.	Amount brought forward,		$44 66	3220	23
Feb. 1,	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, $1880 58,	$47 01			
	Less state tax, - -	2 35			
			44 66		
				89	32
	Receipts from the Loan in aid of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate in Pennsylvania, through *R. R. Montgomery, Esq.*, Treasurer:				
1853.					
July 6,	Six months' interest on United States 5 per cent. loan, $4000, -	100 00			
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U. Onderdonk, - -	19 13			
1854.			80 87		
Jan. 3,	$4000 United States 5 per cent. loan having been paid off, it was reinvested in mortgage on P. E. Academy $2500, Lehigh mortgage 6 per cent. loan $1500.				
	Six months, less 5 days, interest on mortgage Pro. Episcopal Academy,	72 92			
	The entire $1500 which purchased $1495 36 Lehigh mortgage 6 per cent. loan could not all be immediately reinvested.				
	Interest received Sept. 21, 3 months on $1055 20, - -	15 82			
	Interest received Dec. 21, 3 months on $1495 36, - -	22 43			
		111 17			
	Less proportion paid Bishop H. U. Onderdonk, - -	22 24			
			88 93		
1853.					
Aug. 1.	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan (hitherto $3348 80, which having been paid off, was reinvested,)$3474 81, .	86 87			
	Less state tax, - -	4 34			
			82 53		
	Six months' interest on Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, $3474 81,	86 87			
	Less state tax, - -	4 34			
			82 53	334	86
	Special Contributions in aid of the Bishop's Salary:				
1853.					
May 14,	St. James' Church, Philadelphia,		150 00		
Nov. 18,	St. Stephen's " "		150 00		
" 25,	Epiphany " "		150 00		
Dec. 22,	St. Luke's " "		150 00		
	Amounts carried forward,		$600 00	$3644	41

Dr. *The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

		Dolls.	C.
1854.	Amount brought forward,	5286	99
		$5286	99
May 8,	Balance in bank of North America, -	9	61

The subscribers, appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account and found it correct; they have also examined the certificates of stock in which the fund is invested, and found that they amount to twenty two thousand nine hundred and twenty-six dollars and twenty-six cents of Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, and four hundred dollars of Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan belonging to the "Episcopal Fund," and four thousand six hundred dollars Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan belonging to the "Kohne Legacy."

$22,926 26 Penna. 5 per cent. loan.
400 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. loan.

$23,326 26 Episcopal Fund.

$4,600 00 Philada, City R. R. 6 per cent. loan.
150 00 Penna. 5 per cent. loan.

$4,750 00 Kohne Legacy.

EDWARD C. BIDDLE, } *Committee.*
JOHN BOHLEN, }

Philada. May 9, 1854.

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer, *Cr.*

			Dolls.	C.
1853.	Amounts brought forward,	$600 00	3644	41
Dec. 22,	St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,	$150 00		
1854.				
Jan. 9,	Grace " "	150 00		
" 10,	Christ " "	150 00		
Feb. 16,	St. Paul's " "	150 00		
April 8,	St. Philip's " "	100 00		
May 3,	St. Peter's " "	150 00	1450	00
1853.	*Receipts from Investment paid off.*			
May 26,	Pennsylvania 5 per cent. (reinvested in same,) - - -		202	19
			$5296	60
1854.				
May 8,	By Balance in bank of North America,		9	61

E. & O. E. JNO. WELSH, Treasurer.
Philadelphia, May 8th, 1854.

The "Episcopal Fund" of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, consists of twenty-two thousand nine hundred and twenty-six dollars twenty-six cents, in Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, four hundred dollars Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and nine dollars sixty-one cents in the bank of North America; and the "Kohne Legacy" of four thousand six hundred dollars in Philadelphia City R. R. 6 per cent. loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars in Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan. During the year the investment for the Episcopal Fund has been increased by the purchase, under the orders of the Standing Commtitee, of one thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars forty-three cents Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan.

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JAMES S. SMITH,
G. M. WHARTON,
JOHN WELSH,
THOMAS ROBINS,
Trustees of the Episcopal Fund,

MARCH 8th, 1854.

Notice to persons who have in contemplation the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Under the Canons of the General Convention, or their own rules, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, require from persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to CANDIDATESHIP for the Diaconate,

1. Written evidence that they have given to the Bishop, notice of their intention. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 1.

2. A certificate from one Presbyter and four laymen. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 2.

3. When an abridgment of time, on the ground of having exercised the ministry in another denomination, is desired, two additional testimonials, Canon VII., of 1838, Sections 3 and 4.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are prerequisite to ORDINATION to the *Diaconate*, the Standing Committee require,

1. The certificate of the minister and vestry. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or,

If the parish is without a minister, (which circumstance must be attested,) the above mentioned certificate signed by the vestry alone. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or,

If there is no vestry of the parish, or, from peculiar circumstances not affecting character no possibility of procuring testimonials from the minister and vestry of the parish, (which facts must be attested) the certificate above mentioned, signed by twelve respectable Episcopalians. Canon XV., of 1832, Sections 2 and 3.

Or,

In certain cases, the above mentioned certificate, altered as to time. Canon VII., of 1838, Sect. 4.

2. The certificate of a Presbyter. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

3. In the case of an individual desiring the consent of the committee to his ordination before the expiration of his three years of candidateship, evidence that the Bishop deems such abridgment of time expedient. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 7.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are prerequisite to ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD, the Standing Committee require,

1. & 2. The first and second of the Certificates which are mentioned above, as required from individuals applying for the testimonials prerequisite to ordination to the Diaconate, with the *exception* that the papers may cover only so much time as has intervened between the Deacon's ordination and his application for Priest's Orders. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 5.

3. In the case of a Deacon desiring to be ordained to the Priesthood within less than one year from his ordination to the Diaconate, a notification by the Bishop concerning the case. Canon VIII., of 1832. Resolution of Standing Committee, May 3, 1853.

4. Evidence of an academical degree or of satisfactory examination by Presbyters, unless this evidence was filed with this Committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 3.

5. When a dispensation is desired, a certificate of extraordinary qualities, unless this certificate was filed with this Committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 4.

The Standing Committee meet statedly on the first Tuesday of every month.

They require that a testimonial, coming from a vestry, bear on its face that it was subscribed in vestry-*meeting*.

They construe the Canons *strictly*.

Applications to be recommended for admission to Candidateship for the Diaconate, lie over one month.

By order of the Standing Committee.

G. EMLEN HARE,
H. J. MORTON,
JOHN A. VAUGHAN,
} *Sub Committee.*

FORM OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LAY DEPUTIES TO CONVENTION.

It is hereby certified, that at a meeting of the Vestry of Church, in the county of , held on the day of 18 , Mr. was duly elected a lay deputy to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, to be held in , on the day of next; and that the said deputy is now, and has also been for not less than the six calendar months next before his election, a worshipper in the said Church.

Dated this of , 18

} *Wardens.*

} *Vestrymen.*

N. B.—If more than one deputy be chosen, a certificate in the above form may be given to each, or which is better, the names of all may be included in one certificate, varying the language accordingly.

N. B.—According to Canon XI., "no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this Diocese, shall be allowed or received."

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

To the Rt. Rev. *Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

Report of the parish of Church, in , in the county of , for the year ending May 1st, 18 .

CONGREGATION. Families, ; Adults, ; children, ; total .

BAPTISMS. Adults, ; Infants, ; total, .

CONFIRMED, .

COMMUNICANTS. Added, ; Died or removed, ; present number .

MARRIAGES, .

BURIALS, .

PUBLIC SERVICES. On Sundays, ; other days, ; total, .

CHILDREN CATECHIZED, ; Times, .

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Male, ; Teachers, ; Pupils, .

" Female, ; Teachers, ; Pupils, .

" Infant, ; Teachers, ; Pupils, .

BIBLE CLASSES, ; Members, .

COLLECTIONS. Episcopal Fund, $; Convention Fund, $; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $; Diocesan Missionary Society, $; Missionary and other purposes, $; total, $.

STATISTICS OF PARISH. See Journal of 1849,—pp. 51–2,—as follows:

Property other than the Church building and lot owned by the Parish,

Amount of indebtedness of the Church of the parish,

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive,

Arrears of salary, if any,

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, 1854.

Families	from	76	Reports,	5,656.
Adults & child.	"	55	"	16,569.
Communicants,	"	119	"	11,067.
Marriages,	"	105	"	880.
Funerals,	"	116	"	1,301.
Public services,	"	97	"	13,979.
S. S. Teachers,	"	94	"	1,555.
S. S. Scholars,	"	98	"	13,174.
Bible classes,	"	33	"	1,003.

Contributions for benevolent purposes and payment of Church debts, from 109 reports, $118,111 55.